

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: The Rev. Michael H. Mitchell

*To all who mourn or need comfort ,
 To all who are weary and need rest,
 To all who seek friendship,
 To all who desire to grow in relationship with God
 To all who yearn to pray,
 To all who need a Saviour, And to all whoever will worship,
 This Church of St. John's opens wide its doors
 and in the name of Christ our Lord, says - WELCOME.*



Welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Johns. May your presence today at this Eucharist, bring you refreshment and renewal.

All around us, we are enjoying the bounty of summer growth, vegetables and fresh fruit. What keeps people alive and growing and healthy? For their body, it is food and drink. Yet even for their body not only food and drink is needed but also the nourishment of love and security.

What do we need to keep us going as Christians? It is our trusting faith in God. That faith is kept alive and growing in us through our close relationship with Christ. He nourishes this faith and love in us with the food and drink of his word, with the fellowship of his body, the church and with the strength he brings us through the Eucharist; this is our "viaticum," our food and drink for the road of life. In Christ, we receive grace to walk with courage and confidence and the courage to stand up for what is right and good.

I wish you an enjoyable week.

Michael +

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Holly Mitchell

Lectors: 8:30 am Ed & Sandra Jordan

10:30am Robert MacMillan, Mary Meisner

Sidespersons: Jim & Viola Green

Hostesses: Barbara Simonds, Holly Mitchell

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH

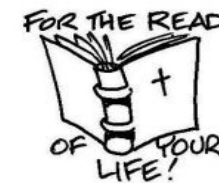
Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black; **10:30 am** Susan MacMillan, Sharon Green

Lectors: 8:30 am Jo Eisenhauer, Mabel Hardiman

10:30am Holly Mitchell, Ann Perry

Sidesperson: Marlene Bower, Rena Demone

Hosts: Robert MacMillan, Louis Quennelle



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Music

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #7 New Every Morning is the Love

Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

All Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory To God

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray that in the storms of life we may trust in the Lord *The community prays silently. The celebrant then says the collect.*

God, Father of life, your Son Jesus is our living bread come down from you to give life to us and to our world. Let him restore our strength and courage as we journey with him through life, and give us the will and love to share our bread with those who need it, for in them Jesus cries out his hunger. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "*Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.*" And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "*Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.*" The king said to the Cushite, "*Is it well with the young man Absalom?*" The Cushite answered, "*May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.*" The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "*O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!*"

2 SAMUEL 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication. **R**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared. **R**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. **R**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **R**

PSALM 130

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #60 I Come This Day

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." **JOHN 6:35, 41-51**
The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed *With Christians the world over, we profess our faith,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please kneel or sit for the prayers*

Refrain: **Jesus, bread of life, hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon + and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace *All stand, and the celebrant addresses the people.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Representatives of the parish present the gifts of bread and wine for the Eucharist. Each one as they are able, makes an offering to the Lord for the needs and responsibilities of the Church to be placed on the altar.

As the gifts are received, all sing:

**Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.**

The Prayer Over The Gifts *Read by celebrant.*

God our Father, you draw us to yourself through Jesus,
whom you sent to us as the bread of life. Make us become what
we are about to eat, the living body of Christ, united, bearing
witness to him, and bringing his life to the world. We ask this in
the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God,
creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you
are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word
endures for ever. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their
song of joy.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

We offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of
the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made
acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them
new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your
sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, all glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

With Jesus the bread of life, we pray to the Father for our daily bread.

**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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and says:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and may say,

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

The Communion

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

The sacrament is given with the following words.

*The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you). The communicant responds each time, **Amen.***

You are reminded of the Bishop's directive that the normative manner for Anglicans to receive Holy Communion is by taking from the common cup. Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not an acceptable practice.

*This community of faith, welcomes to the Lord's table
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

(Please join the choir in singing the Communion Hymn)

**Communion Hymns #52 O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near
#56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life**

Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this Eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God

whose power working in us

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

**Glory to God, from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal

Do not be afraid, for the Father loves us.

Do not be afraid, for Christ walks by our side.

Do not be afraid, for the Holy Spirit will give us courage.

Do not be afraid, for we are in God's hands.

Go and face life and bear witness to God's love with the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

#309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Postlude:

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

A reminder that Confirmation classes for young people and for adults seeking Confirmation or a renewal of faith, will begin in September. The program will take place on Sundays in September and October, from 5pm - 8pm. ALL ARE WELCOME.

We need Lectors at our 8:30 am services. If you are interested in reading at this service please call Mary at the office 634-4994.

SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Ensemble Polaris ~ Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 pm
Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal ~ Our guests on Sunday, August 23 at 10:30 morning worship service
Praised for its "rich-textured, vibrant sound" and "hypnotic beauty", the Studio de musique ancienne de Montréal has established a reputation as Montréal's finest early music vocal ensemble. Composed of 10 to 13 singers chosen for the remarkable clarity and purity of their voices, the Studio was founded in 1974 by the organist and harpsichordist Christopher Jackson, whose inspired leadership continues to this day.
Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra ~ Saturday, August 29 at 7:30 pm

Suzie LeBlanc, soprano; Mark Simons, clarinet; Robert Kortgaard, piano ~ Saturday, Sept 19 at 7:30 pm

Musical Interludes with Jim Aulenbach in August ~ Mon., Wed., Fri., Sun. at 4:00 pm(except concert days)

Chimes will ring Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 5 pm and on Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at 2 pm.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev'd Benezeri Kisembo, Ruwenzori - (Uganda)
Diocesan Cycle: *St. George's, Falmouth, St. Michael's, Windsor Forks, All Saints, Leminster, St. Thomas', Three Mile Plains - Avon Valley, Rev'd Tom Henderson and Thérèse, Rev'd James Small, Honorary Assistant and Joan; Christ Church, Berwick, St. Mary's, Auburn, Christ Church, Morden - Aylesford with Berwick, Rev'd Charles Bull and Michelle; St. John's, Port Williams, St. Michael and All Angels, Canning, St. Thomas', Kingsport - Cornwallis, Rev'd David Garrett, Rev'd Canon Sidney Davies, Honorary Assistant and Ruth.*
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican Church and Rev'd Michael Mitchell and Holly.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Freedom 99**; Clearwater - **Ernest E. Pierce**; LaHave Seafoods - **Cape LaHave**; Ocean Choice - **Destiny**; Tallships - **Concordia, Fryderyk Chopin.**



Have a blessed week. We look forward to welcoming you back next week. Here are our numbers if you need to reach us:

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HOLY HUMOR

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy" the young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth'."



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.