

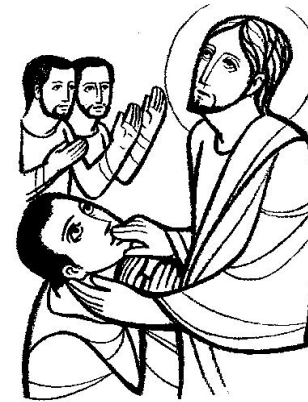
St. John's Anglican Church

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 year 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.*

RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome parishioners and visitors to St. John's on this Labour Day Weekend. As we give thanks for all workers, let us take time to rest from our labours and give thanks to God.

We also remember all who are returning to school this week - students and teachers. We pray that our schools will be places of learning, fun and security. We look forward to welcoming our Sunday School students here at St. John's, next weekend.

Jesus opened the mouth of a man who is deaf and mute. We live in an era of communication explosion: cell phones, e-mail, internet, tweeter and so on. At the same time it is an age of isolation and loneliness of people.

What people have is information, and what they have lost are personal relations. Jesus offers this to us in the community of the church.

The sign that Jesus is the promised Saviour is that he first goes to the poor, the sick, the marginalised people, for they need him most. Not only material poverty is meant. The deaf and the mute, the hard of hearing and the stammerers are we who are shut up within ourselves, often closed to God and one another. Jesus comes to open our ears and mouths to the words and deeds of God, that we may listen to his message and respond to his love, and that we may also hear the poor and speak to them with our help.

In this Eucharist we pray to the Lord, to open our ears. that we may again listen to one another and to God speaking to us. May we also learn again to speak to one another, person to person. Have a great week.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Roger Demone, Holly Mitchell

Lectors: 8:30 am Sandra & Ed Jordan

10:30 am Bruce Holdbrook, Mary Meisner

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Patricia & Fred Rhineland

Hostesses: Joy Saunders, Heather Eisenhauer

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Charlene Demone, Susan MacMillan

Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Shirley Woods

10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Louis Quennelle

Hostesses: Marlene Bower, Susan MacMillan

A word of thanks to St. John's Honorary Assistant Organist, James Aulenbach, who has been our musician during the vacation of Barbara Butler, our Director of Music / Organist.

The Holy Eucharist in Traditional Language

Sung Setting by John Marbecke, #677ff, in Common Praise

Prelude Music

Announcements

Processional Hymn #309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And with thy Spirit.**

All Almighty God,
**unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment and the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

(Sung) # 677 CP **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high,
**and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *The community prays silently. The celebrant says the collect.*

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them. **PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN

Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever. The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil. **R**

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel. **R**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

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

Gradual Hymn: 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Reader The Lord be with you. People **And with thy Spirit.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK Glory be to thee, O Lord.



Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said

to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

MARK 7:24-37

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of
Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. 'Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.' Matthew 1.28

'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.' Jn3.16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

'This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.' 1Tim 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

'If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.' 1 John 2.1,2

Then shall be said:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: + have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #306 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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.*

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May this bread and wine be our spiritual food and drink, that we may bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Priest

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer:*
Thankful for God's great deeds of love, we cannot remain deaf or silent, and so we let our tongues pray to our Father in the words of Jesus, our Saviour:

**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 all say:
All **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great
mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs
under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is
always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat
the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his blood, That
we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

The Communion #685

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
grant us thy peace.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

*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 in Singing our Communion hymns.

Communion Hymns #60 I Come with Joy;
#292 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

The Prayer after Communion *Read by celebrant.*

Saving God, in your Son Jesus Christ you have chosen what is poor and weak in this world to be rich in faith and love and to be heirs to your kingdom. He has done all things well. Speak through us deeds of mercy and hope, for you have healed and freed us all through Jesus Christ our 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

May God enable us in Jesus to be a blessing to all we meet.
And the blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with
you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn #429 For the Beauty of the Earth (Dix)

SUMMER MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

Musique Royale presents **Suzie LeBlanc, soprano; Mark Simons, clarinet; Robert Kortgaard, piano** ~ Saturday, Sept 19 at 7:30 pm. We are pleased to present this concert in association with the Lunenburg Heritage Society.

Musical Interludes with Jim Aulenbach in September ~
Mon., Wed., Fri. 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Our choirs will be delighted to expand ranks and welcome new members. For our Chancel Choir please contact Barbara Butler at 624-0506. First rehearsal for Chancel Choir will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 9.

For Junior Choir and Handbells, please contact Sharon Hill at 634-8781. First rehearsal for Hand Bell Choir will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8 and Jr. Choir at 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Registration and classes will commence on **Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am at the Parish Hall**. We welcome everyone and would encourage parents to bring the children to obtain their religious education, having fun while learning. Everyone is invited to join the Sunday School after the 10:30 worship service for a BBQ.

On Sunday September 13th, 2009 join friends and family after Sunday service for food, fellowship and music from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Have brunch wharf side at the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic as part of the Lunenburg Waterfront Seafood Festival and listen to the musical story of Lunenburg by Glimpses and the Riverport Choir prior to the **3:00 pm Seaman's Memorial Service**. The Service will be held under the Festival Tent on Sunday commencing at 3:00 pm. The weekend of September 11-13 is one of celebration as Lunenburg will celebrate its maritime heritage and the legacy of the fishery. Please check out our events at www.sealunenburg.com. Enquiries may be made to: Organizing Committee Lunenburg Waterfront Seafood Festival lwsf@sealunenburg.com

There will be a **Terry Fox Walk/Run on Sunday September 13th** at 1 pm. Meet at the Community Center to make a donation and to receive this year's sticker and ribbon. T-shirts will also be available for \$20.00. Terry Fox said that the hurting must stop and that he would take himself to the limit for cancer research.

Please come out and support this worthy cause. For more information contact Laura Roblee at 634-8043. Mary will be away from the office for vacation September 7 returning September 21. The office will be open Tuesday to Friday during this period from 10 am - 12 pm and 1 pm - 4 pm daily.

An Organ recital featuring Mark Himmelman will be held at St James Church, LaHave September 11 at 7 pm.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Most Rev'd John Wilson Gladstone, Moderator of the Church of South India and Bishop of South Kerala.

Diocesan Cycle: The Parish of New Ross - Rev'd Frances Boutilier, Priest-in-Charge; The Parish of Rawdon - Rev'd Marilyn Lamb.

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Central United Church and Rev'd Grace Caines-Corkum.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - **Cachalot I;**
Clearwater - **Atlantic Guardian;** Tallship - **Bluenose II.**

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Have a blessed week and we look forward to welcoming you back next Sunday.