



This Sunday marks Sunday School registration. We pray for a good year for our Sunday School teachers and students. Let's do all that we can to encourage and promote our Sunday School program. We pray also that we will have a good youth program this fall in our parish.

Do We Go Jesus' Way?

What are we looking for in life? Good health, happiness in our families, in our job, in our faith, good relationships with ourselves, with people, and with God. The Scriptures today speak about searching for Wisdom – the Wisdom of knowing that we are loved by God and that in return, we are to live lives of loving service. Today's Psalm says: *Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.*

We find Jesus asking the disciples who they think he is? This requires both faith and wisdom. After they respond and commit themselves again, he tells them they are to pick up the crosses of life and follow him. What about us? When Jesus tells us that we have to follow him in taking up the crosses that come our way, do we accept that as disciples of Jesus? Do we take that as a part of our faith or do we say, "Lord, everything – but not that!"? Jesus assures us: "Anyone who loses his or her life for my sake will find life, will save life."

Come, let us meet the Lord who speaks to us.

Have a great week.

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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.*

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer; **10:30 am** Charlene Demone, Susan MacMillan

Lectors: **8:30 am** Gill Osmond, Shirley Woods; **10:30am** Robert MacMillan, Rosemary Smith

Sidespersons: **10:30am** Michael & Denyse Lee

Hostesses: Sunday School BBQ

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Susan MacMillan; **10:30 am** Roger & Charlene Demone, Penny Pratt

Lectors: **8:30 am** Laura Roblee, Shirley Woods, **10:30am** Rosemary Smith, Joyce Buckmaster

Sidespersons: **10:30am** Michael & Denyse Lee

Hostesses: Mary Brownless, Holly Mitchell



The Holy Eucharist

Please join in singing today's hymns, together with the Sung Setting of the Eucharist "The Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen.

Prelude Music Grazioso - Telemann
Announcements

Processional Hymn #372 "Praise to the Holiest in the Height"

Please stand and join in singing the Processional Hymn.

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **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 - Sung

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The Collect of the Day

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

Loving Father, your Son Jesus asks of us who he is, what he means to us. Help us to come to know him personally by sharing his very life of dedication to the end and his unselfish service, including his cross. May we thus become his friends who experience him as the life of our life, and with him become servants of one another and of you, our living God. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

PROVERBS 1:20-33

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

CANTICLE REFRAIN

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Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. **R**

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well. **R**

WISDOM OF SOLOMON 7:26-8:1

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

JAMES 3:1-12

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

Gradual Hymn #382 "Praise to the Lord"

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

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



Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed

of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

MARK 8:27-38

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

Let us join with Christians everywhere as we confess 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. **Response: Lord, 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,
All 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. **Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #466 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

We welcome to the Assembly, members of the Sunday School, students and teachers. 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.*

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

Preface

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore we praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

(Sung) **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith. *(Sung)*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,

we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,

that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy

people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all
glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
People **Amen.** (*Sung*)

The Lord's Prayer

In the words of Jesus, our Saviour, let us pray to the Father for the bread that gives us the strength to follow in his footsteps:

**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:

Celebrant 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 says,
The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

**Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Bread of life, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Prince of Peace you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

*The celebrant and people then receive communion.
The body of Christ (given for you).
The blood of Christ (shed for you).
The communicant responds each time, **Amen.***

*The Anglican Church of Canada, welcomes to the Lord's
table for Holy Communion
all who are baptized and who wish to be nourished*

During Communion, hymns may be sung and silence may be kept.

Communion Hymns #80 "We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus"
#59 "Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him"

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. *Standing, the community prays in silence.*

Lord our God, we give you thanks for speaking to us your word of life and nourishing us with the bread of strength. Send us out into the world of people to bear one another's crosses and to share each other's joys, that we may follow him on the road that leads to life and glory. Grant this through 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 the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you to the end of your road; May the Christ who serves with wounded hands teach you to serve others; May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart be your love forever; When you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet; And may everyone you meet see the face of Jesus in you. **Amen.**

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 #505 "Be Thou My Vision"

Postlude: Trumpet Tune - Teleman

NOTICES

PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)

Would you like to make regular offerings to the church, even when you are away? Would you like a convenient manner to donate? If so, why not go on PAR. It is a great way to make your contributions to the parish all year long, especially the "snow birds" who will soon be thinking of leaving Lunenburg for the winter months. Please get your form at the Parish office to sign up for PAR.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS THIS SUNDAY

We welcome the return of our students to their Sunday School classes next Sunday, September 20th at the Parish Hall at 10:30 am. We would welcome and encourage new members as well to join us.

To show our appreciation in having our youth with us once again, everyone is invited to join us for hot dogs & refreshments after the church service.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please mark your calendars for this special service on Sunday, October 4th at 2PM on St. John's church yard. All animals are welcome and we are especially looking for more farm animal participation this year. Cats should be crated.

Choir News

Our choirs will be delighted to expand ranks and welcome new members. For our Chancel Choir please contact Barbara Butler at 624-0506. Rehearsals for Chancel Choir are at 7:30 pm on Wednesdays.

For Junior Choir and Handbells, please contact Sharon Hill at 634-8781. Rehearsals for Hand Bell Choir are at 7:00 pm on Tuesdays. Junior Choir meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.

Musique Royale presents **Suzie LeBlanc, soprano; Mark Simons, clarinet; Robert Kortgaard, piano** ~ Saturday, Sept 19 at 7:30 pm. *Musique Royale is pleased to present this concert in association with the Lunenburg Heritage Society.* Nova Scotia Youth Choir Saturday, October 3 at 7:30pm - presented by Musique Royale.

CORPORATE BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to join us for a wonderful breakfast at 9:30am, between our Sunday Services. Come early for the 10:30am Family Service and join us for a delightful breakfast provided by the ladies of the ACW.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Southern Highlands (Tanzania), the Rt Rev'd John Mwela.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for the Parish of Wilmot, The Rev'd Matthew Sponagle, The Rev'd Michael McKeage and Diane, Holy Trinity, Middleton St. Andrew's, Lawrencetown

Nova Scotia Sisters in Religious Orders

Sister Margaret Mary, S.S.J.D.

The Society of Our Lady Saint Mary

Sister Bonnie Wright, Bethany Place

Sister Barbara Bowser, Bethany Place

Local Ministerial: The Congregation of St. John's Anglican and the Rev'd Michael Mitchell and Holly.

Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Chockle Cap; **FPI** - Destiny; **Clearwater** - Atlantic Leader;

Tall Ships : Concordia



JUST YOU WAIT

When her husband was near to death, his wife ordered a headstone with the words : "REST IN PEACE" carved on it.

This was done, but after the man died and the will was read, his widow found that he had left the bulk of his fortune to others.

So she told the stonemason to add :

"TILL I COME".

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