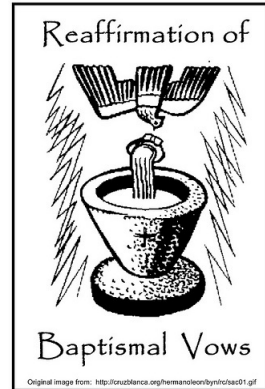


St. John's Anglican Church

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.*



Rector's Message

A voice came from heaven, saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." *Lk 3:22*

A warm welcome to us as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, still in the Christmas spirit.

At Christmas Christ was manifested as a child, yet he was no other than God's Son. At the Epiphany Christ was manifested to the Gentiles as the Saviour of all people. Today Christ is manifested as the Son intensely loved by the Father, with the Spirit resting on him and guiding him. Now he can begin his mission.

Our Lord's baptism reminds us of our own baptism. At our baptism the Father accepted us as beloved sons and daughters and gave us the mission of living the life of Christ for all people to see.

In this Eucharist we renew our Baptism Vows and ask the Lord to give us the insight and strength to accept our Christian mission in life. God bless you and have a great week. *Fr. Michael*

Baptism, the Way In!

Baptism has marked one's entry into the Christian Church from the very beginning. This is why the ancient and medieval churches locate the Baptism font at the entrance of the Church near the door, to symbolize entry into the church.

Many churches have relocated their baptism font to near the front entrance. St. John's is blessed to have its baptism font near the front doors, a powerful reminder to us all.

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Penny Pratt, Holly Mitchell, Graham Pratt

Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Shirley Woods

10:30am Heather Eisenhauer, Rose Conrad; **Servers:** Alex Knickle, Sam Mack

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 17TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer; **Server:** Eric Pottie

10:30 am Roger Demone, Charlene Demone, Sheila Morris

Sidespersons: 10:30 am Audrey Morgan, Debbie Chapman

Lectors: 8:30 am Ben & Roxie Smith; **10:30am** Sharon Green, Ann Grandy

The Holy Eucharist

*Sung Setting "Mass of Creation" by Marty Haugen,
copies available in seat pockets.*

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude: Rhosymedre – Ralph Vaughn Williams

St. John's Ringers 'Repeat the Sounding Joy'

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Processional Hymn #132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

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 There is one body and one Spirit,

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People **One God and Father of all.**

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.

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 then sings or says
the collect.*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives 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 ISAIAH

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." **ISAIAH 43:1-7**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM REFRAIN

PSALM 29

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice, the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

R

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. *ACTS 8:14-17*
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #560 God Whose Almighty Word

Gospel

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand,

to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." *LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

Sermon

The Apostles Creed *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*
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.

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

Response: Beloved of God, 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.
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 #166 We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding
Parishioners share in gathering the offering of God's people. 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.

The Prayer over the Gifts *Read by celebrant*

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #3

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.

Preface for the Baptism of the Lord

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by the waters of Baptism and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.**

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. *(Sung)*

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

So 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; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the Lord's prayer in these or similar words:

Baptized in the Holy Spirit and children of the Father through Jesus, his beloved Son, let us now pray together:

**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 the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,
The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**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.**

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.

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

Communion Hymn #64 Author of Love Divine

Prayer after Communion

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

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **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 God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord.


Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn #372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

Postlude: Fantasia - Pachelbel

NOTICES

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Pastoral Visitation Ministry. Please call Charlene Demone for further information at 543-5753.




MOVIE NIGHT
This Friday, January 15th at 7:00 pm

Come out and warm up with a movie and popcorn! Our movie is, "**New in Town**" starring Renee Zellweger and Harry Connick Jr. It's a snow-packed romantic comedy that begins in Miami and ends up in northern Minnesota. Her coming to town changes the whole community.

Following the movie we'll have hot chocolate and an enjoyable discussion. See you at the movies!

Brought to you by the Spiritual Development Committee.



YOUTH AND FAMILY SLEIGH RIDE

Come along for an old fashioned Horse and Sleigh ride on **Saturday, January 30th at 2:00 pm.** Our hosts are Foard and Cathy Robar from Meisner's Section, just outside of New Germany. The cost for the event is \$10.00 and includes Hot Chocolate and other goodies. We'll travel by car pool and space is limited, so reserve your spot today by calling Melissa Risser @ 634-3304 or email: b_mrisser@eastlink.ca.

PRAYER AND HEALING MINISTRY

St John's has a group of volunteers to pray daily for people who have requested it. The following lists the names of those who are part of this "Prayer Chain Ministry". You can make your request by contacting any of them - The Rev'd Michael and Holly Mitchell, Barbara Eisenhauer, Penny and Graham Pratt, Betty Creaser, Sheila Morris, Don and Jean Hardy, Helen Chandler, Velvet Eliuk, Christina Pottie, Laura Roblee, Rosalie Knickle, Robert MacMillan, Louis Quennelle, Elizabeth Corbin and Sandy MacDonald. Once you make a prayer request, the message will be forwarded to Sandy MacDonald, Chairperson of the Prayer Team. She will inform all members and keep records up to date. (They like to hear when God has answered prayers.) Also, if you would like to be a member of the Prayer Team, please call Sandy Mac Donald at 634-4657.

ATTENTION LADIES

The Potluck Luncheon and Mystery Auction for the ladies of the parish will take place Monday, January 18th at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. We promise you a fun filled afternoon. Bring a friend and be prepared for lots of laughs.

St. John's x 2

Come and take a break from winter and enjoy a musical Sunday afternoon at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg. Both the singing and handbell choirs of St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, will be joining forces to present a concert for your enjoyment on Sunday, January 24 at 2:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be accepted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REPORTS

St. John's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 14. We are asking that all **Committee Reports** be prepared and sent electronically to the office. It would be a huge help and truly appreciated if you would adopt this change.

Youth Pizza and Fun Night

Friday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm Come and bring along your friends to St. John's Parish Hall for an evening of fun and pizza making. This night is for youth of our parish and their friends. For more information email Melissa Risser at: b_mrisser@eastlink.ca or call 634-3304 to let us know if you are coming. All are welcome.

Symphony on the Shore ~ Friday, February 5 at 7:30 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg. Janina's Chopin to Beethoven's Eighth, Janina Fialkowska, piano; Bernhard Gueller, conductor. Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth with Symphony Nova Scotia. Pianist Janina Fialkowska, a "born Chopin interpreter" (Arthur Rubenstein), joins the orchestra to perform the composer's bold and imaginative Piano Concerto no. 2. The orchestra also performs Beethoven's boisterous "little Symphony in F" and 'Mirages' by Jacques Hetu. Tickets: \$25 (students \$10 at the door), available at Fulton's Pharmacy, through Ruth at the office in the church hall (634-9994) and at the door.

DID YOU KNOW? As far back as 560 BC, Tibetan monks have used bells in their ceremonies, believing that their vibration clears the mind. Now, research shows that hearing the vibration of bells helps synchronize the left and right parts of the brain, producing a state of relaxation. A study by the U.S. National Institute of Health found that these sound vibrations can slash pain and anxiety by as much as 60%.
~ Submitted by Grace Swan

Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Lunenburg County offers many community programs and supports for the public. We are currently in need of volunteers and are also accepting new clients for our programs.

Programs offered:

- **Frozen Favorites** – frozen meals which are delivered to certain areas in the County.
- **On the Move** – transportation program serving phone exchanges 531-634-624 and 640.
- **Safety Check in Program** – a “check in” service for those who may go for days without any contact. Volunteers make calls seven days a week to ensure the client is well.
- **Volunteer Visiting** – volunteers make visits to clients who spend their days alone. These are social visits only (non-medical) and usually involve a cup of tea and a chat.
- **Breakaway** – an afternoon social program for clients who would like some social time and also as respite for caregivers. This program is held in Bridgewater on Thursday afternoons from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Senior's Room. The cost is \$5.
- **Adult Day Program** – offered in Lunenburg, the ADP is open three days a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) as a respite service for caregivers. It is also an excellent program for seniors who spend their days alone. The cost is \$20 and includes a hot lunch and LPN service for medication administration.

The VON is in need of volunteers for all of these programs, but especially Volunteer Visiting. We are only able to offer this program in areas where we have volunteers, and we currently have a wait list. **If you are interested in becoming a client or volunteer, please contact Trish at 624-0318.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Rt. Rev'd Joseph Jon Bruno, Los Angeles (Province VIII, USA) and Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles (Province VIII, USA) The Rt. Rev'd Chester L. Talton.
Diocesan Cycle: Pray for *the Parish of Alberton, PEI*, Rev'd Andrew Mortimer and Janet; *Christ Church, Cherry Valley, PEI*, Rev'd Dr. David Morrison, Priest-in-Charge and Mary Lou. Pray for the preparations being made for '**Celebration 2010**' in the Regions and Diocese.
Local Ministerial: The Congregation of Zion Lutheran Church and Rev. Vivian Roberts.
Fisheries: Adams and Knickle - Freedom 99; Clearwater - Ernest E. Pierce; Bluenose II, Picton Castle, Joides Resolution.

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