

October 12th, 2025

10:30 a.m. service



Harvest Thanksgiving

St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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Rector: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall

Organist & Music Director: Donald Russell, ARCO

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St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753

PRELUDE

Allegretto from Sonata IV Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 262

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St George's, Windsor

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY (Standing)

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

And also with you.

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 679

COLLECT

***Eternal God, you crown the year with your
beauty and give us the fruits of the earth in their
season: grant that we may use them to nourish
and strengthen your goodness in the world,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

Let us listen for the word of God. (Seated)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.
For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 100

1,2 Be joyful in the | Lord, • all you | lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine | presence | with a | song.

3 Know this: the Lord, the | Lord, is | God; * the One made us and to whom we belong; we are God's people, the | sheep of | God's | pasture.

4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these | courts with | praise; * give thanks to God and call upon the | name | of the | Lord.

5 For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is | ever- | lasting; * and whose faithfulness en- | dures from | age to | age.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us

Thanks Be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Standing)

711 ALLELUIA

Gospel Sentence: "Those who sowed with | tears * will
reap with | songs of | joy."

THE GOSPEL John 6:25-33

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which^[a] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON (Seated)

CHOIR ANTHEM (*Choir Stands, Congregation is seated*)

A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester L.J. White (1910-1970)

HEAR, O ISRAEL (Standing)

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Seated)

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

God of all graciousness, we give you thanks and praise
for the bountiful world you have created. Shower your
renewing love on our world; on the soil, the plants, the
animals, the seas and all within them that they may
flourish as you intended them. Bring harmony and
balance within your creation.

Creating and Sustaining God, **hear our prayer.**

God of all goodness, we give you thanks and praise for
the diverse world you have created. We give you thanks
for the rich and vibrant colours of the harvest and for
the ways they reflect the rich and vibrant colours of
your people.

Creating and Sustaining God, **hear our prayer.**

Lavish your wisdom and loving kindness on the leaders
of your church and world.

Creating and Sustaining God, **hear our prayer.**

God of power and might, we pray for the leaders of the world, help them govern and lead in ways that bring peace and well-being to all your people.

Creating and Sustaining God, ***hear our prayer.***

God of all faithfulness, we give you thanks and praise for the aid and strength you provide us. We ask that you bestow your comfort and healing on all in need, including: Make us your eyes and hands to all in need that our actions and words may bring healing and hope. Creating and Sustaining God, ***hear our prayer.***

God of all eternity, we give you thanks and praise for all whose lives have reflected your glory, Strengthen and inspire us with your word that we may be beacons of light and hope to those who come after us.

Creating and Sustaining God, ***hear our prayer.***

God of attentiveness and care, we give thanks for prayers heard and answered. Help us to listen well to the ways you call us to care and respond to one another.

Creating and Sustaining God, ***hear our prayer.***

O God, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing your praise in this world and in the world to come. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, God welcomes sinners and invites them to the 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 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.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE (Standing)

OFFERTORY HYMN 428 (Standing)

God, Who Gives to Life its Goodness Abbot's leigh

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST (Standing)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Generous God, we offer you the gifts of our hearts. In this meal we pray that you will strengthen our faith that our lives may always bear witness to your sacred story of justice and compassion. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS 683

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

684 THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 them 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

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

AGNUS DEI 685

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion *(Seated)*

All are welcome to share in this sacred meal, gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION S 31 *(Seated)*

Beyond the Beauty and the Awe Morning Song

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Standing)*

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for the gift of your love. May we always taste and see your goodness in all creation. By your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you have made. 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, forever and ever. Amen.***

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 258

We Plough the Fields and Scatter Wir Pflügen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and care for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale: “Nun danket alle Gott” , Op. 65
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A friendly reminder the office will be closed on Monday
October 13th*

This Week in the Life of the Church

Wednesday

Community Play Group –9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Contemplative Prayer –10 a.m. in the church

Thursday

Choir Practice – 7p.m. in the church

Today's Lay Ministries:

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Bruce Holdbrook

10:30 a.m. – Donald Russell & Wendy Dean

Licensed Lay Ministers: Jim Shephard

Next Week's Lay Ministries:

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Gill Osmond

10:30 a.m. – Rosemary Smith & Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Robert Ripley