



St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Archdeacon 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.*

Heritage Faith Vision

St. John's - A National Historic Site - Founded 1793



By Pietro Perugino, 1481

Rector's Message

A warm word of welcome to our parishioners and those visiting with us this weekend. We pray God's blessing upon you.

The Rev's Louis Quennelle and Gillian Ball will preside and preach at our services this Sunday.

While in Rome a few years ago, I visited the tomb of St. Peter. On any given day, thousands of tourists visit and pray at the tomb of Peter – 'the rock.' What is the appeal of Peter, of someone who so often let Jesus down, even denying to know him.

In Matthew's gospel we observe Peter's weakest as well as finest moments. Peter responds to Jesus' question with clarity, assurance, and faith, when many others doubted. He heard the message of Jesus' teaching with his heart as well as his ears. Jesus' response to Peter was just as clear. Peter would be the one trusted to help lay the foundation of the Church.

Jesus chose Peter not only for his faith but also for his humanity. People of every age can identify with Peter's shortcomings. We appreciate that Jesus did not choose a perfect person, but rather one who struggled, who feared, who walked away at a time of crisis, yet never lost sight of Jesus.

As Christians, we can take heart that even when we fail to live the gospel message, Jesus calls us back to serve and build up the Church and the world. We too are called to answer the question, "Who do you say that I am?" Have a wonderful week as Holly and I continue vacation. Michael+

'WHO AM I' – Matthew 16:13-20

He did not force-feed friends with creeds they must believe;
he let them see and hear and for themselves perceive.

His was no abstract truth that followed logic's rules,
his was not thick dogma taught in Rabbinic schools.

They shared his nights and days and saw his healing hand,
they fed on every word and felt their souls expand.

Then when the time was ripe for them to wonder why,
he thrust the question out and waited their reply.

Peter first saw the light of this new-world frontier,
and spoke confounding words that Caesars came to fear.

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The Holy Eucharist

Prelude Music

Announcements and Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #384 'Praise To the Lord, the Almighty'

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

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

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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 EXODUS

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

EXODUS 1:8-2:10

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

PSALM REFRAIN - Our help is in the name of the Lord.

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say; if the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us; then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; then would the raging waters have gone right over us. Blessed be the Lord! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

PSALM 124

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** ROMANS 12:1-8

Gospel Procession #561 'Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us'

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my



church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

MATTHEW 16:13-20

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

Sermon

The Creed

United with Christians all over the world, we profess 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. Amen.

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

People **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 #441 'Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower'

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.

The Prayer Over The Gifts *Read by celebrant*

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 and 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.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 our Lord we pray to our Father in heaven that his kingdom come and that we may do his will.

**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

**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 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.

Communion Hymn #70 'Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts'

Prayer After Communion

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the
sake of 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 the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your
hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son,
Jesus Christ. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son

and the 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 #601 'God Whose Giving Knows No Ending'

Postlude Music

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LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Bill Black; **10:30 am** Sheila Morris, Sharon Green

Lectors: **8:30 am** Ed Jordan, Sandra Jordan

10:30am Sharon Green, Jackie Manthorne

Sidespersons: Charles Carlson, Joan Carlson

Hostesses: Jo Eisenhauer, Mary Frittenburg

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST

Lay Readers: **8:30 am** Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Charlene Demone, Roger Demone

Lectors: **8:30 am** Carolyn Hogg, Jo Eisenhauer

10:30am Hazel Oliver, Rosalie Osmond

Sidespersons: Margaret Mason, Roger Mason

Hostesses: Sheila Hutchinson, Hazel Oliver

NOTICES

LUNENBURG ACADEMY CLASS OF 1964

A special WELCOME today to the graduates of Lunenburg Academy who are worshipping with us and celebrating their 50th High School Graduation Reunion. At our 10:30 Eucharist two members of the class, who are also members of our congregation, Sharon Green and Jackie Manthorne, are proclaiming Sacred Scripture for us. We congratulate them and wish them a great weekend.

TOUR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers will be needed to continue our tour program at the church. Shifts are flexible. If you would like to be part of this important outreach ministry please call Jane Ritcey Moore at 902-275-4834.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



September 7th Sunday School Registration and 1st Day of Sunday School with our new Sunday School program and new leader, Christina Bower, who is a professional teacher. We need volunteers to help. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbours to the Parish Hall at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome.

Musique Royale Event at St. John's

Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra - Wednesday, **August 27** at 7:30 pm

INFINITELY MORE IS COMING TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, September 28th at 3:00pm, St. John's Anglican Church will host three-time Covenant Award Nominee, **Infinitely More**, for an afternoon of inspirational entertainment! Husband and wife duo, Gerald Flemming and Allison Lynn, use prodigious finger-style guitar and signature vocal harmonies to create a joyful mix of acclaimed original songs and fresh interpretations of the classics. Blending Gospel, Praise & Worship, Country, Pop, and Hymns, **Infinitely More** creates a fresh new sound for the church.

This afternoon of music will encourage and inspire both the seeker and the lifelong Christian. **Infinitely More** has a desire to share the love and light of God. Based in Burlington, ON, this couple will travel over 15,000 KM this year to spread the Gospel through song!

Performing at St. John's has a special significance for **Infinitely More**. In their first year of dating, they were invited to sing for a special fund raising event held at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Toronto, to benefit the restoration of St. John's Church, following the fire of 2001. That concert, organized by Bishop Art Brown and Tom Eisenhauer, featured a host of musicians, including performing powerhouse John Allan Cameron. Gerald and Allison performed a song specially penned for the event by Rev. Herbert O'Driscoll. **Infinitely More** say they have many fond memories of that night, and the love that was poured from one group of Anglicans to another, helping one another in their time of need. They have looked forward to coming to St. John's Church ever since. To learn more about their music and ministry, please visit

www.InfinitelyMore.ca

The concert is Sunday, September 28th at 3:00pm. It will be followed by a fabulous fall BBQ.

Tickets for the concert are: \$10.00. Children under 12 are free.

Tickets for the BBQ are \$10.00. Children under 12 are free.

We hope this will be an exciting event for both individuals and families in the community.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Most Revd Dr. Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa.

Diocesan Cycle: Pray for Christ Church, Windsor, Rev David Curry and Marilyn; Parish of Annapolis, Rev Canon Ken Vaughan and Barbara, Rev Canon Donald Neish, Honorary Assistant, and Sarah.

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

Fisherries: Adams & Knickle - **Chockle Cap;**

Tallship - **Picton Castle;** Clearwater - **Atlantic Leader.**

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