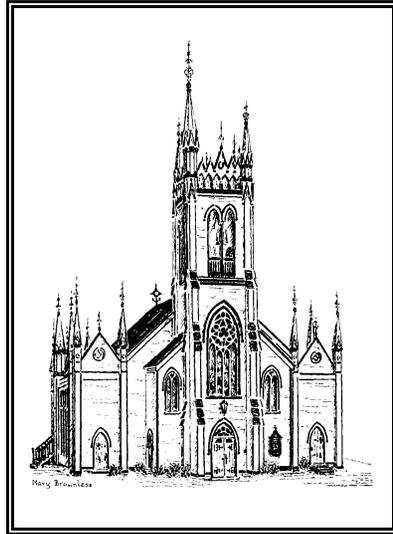


The Naming of Jesus - January 1, 2016



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.*

Rector's Message



Welcome everyone as we gather to 'ring in' the new year. Gatherings as God's people on the Lord's Day at the start of a new year is a wonderful way to begin anew.

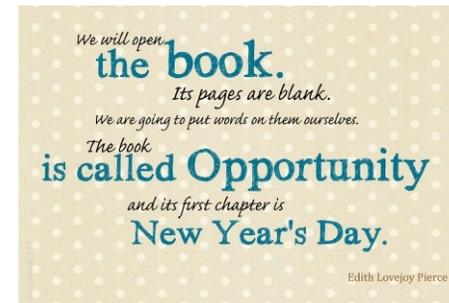
Let us hold one another, our families, parish and community in prayer as we wish one another God's blessings, good health and happiness in 2017.

The new year opens with a Feast called "The Naming of Jesus." As Christians, we know that the name of Jesus, above all names is our salvation.

Through Christ, the son of God, we are adopted children and heirs of the Kingdom of God. Emmanuel proclaims: God-is-with-us. As we enter 2017 may the joy and hope of Christmas continue on in our lives.

On this day, we also pray for deep and lasting peace in a world beset with violence and strife. Mary, gave us her son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Let our sense of justice and unity, of mutual forgiveness and acceptance create the atmosphere in which peace can grow in our hearts, in our homes, parish, community and world. Holly and I wish you a very Happy New Year.

Michael+



LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Robert MacMillan, Heather Hyson

Lectors: 8:30 am Gill Osmond, Laura Roblee

10:30 am: Sharon Green, Rosemary Smith

Server: Aisling Curtin; Sidespersons: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 8th

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Roger Demone, Holly Mitchell

Lectors: 8:30 am Susan Foote, Carolyn Hogg

Server: Aisling Curtin

Sidespersons: Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo - Buxtehude

Please stand for Processional Hymn
Processional Hymn #138 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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.
All And also with you.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
May all the earth be filled with his glory.

Light has sprung up for the righteous,
And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.

Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God,
you were before time began
and came into the world to save us.
Blessed are you, Son of righteousness.

Blessed are you, given the name 'Jesus' by an angel,
son of David; born to rule,
you received gifts from the wise men.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Blessed are you, Son of Man; baptized by John,
you saved us from ourselves.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Blessed are you, heavenly King;
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,
you proclaimed the kingdom.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the voices of heaven
we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.
Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.
Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.



The Collect of the Day Read by celebrant
Celebrant Let us pray with joy filled hearts.

Eternal Father, we give thanks for your incarnate Son, whose name is our salvation. Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. NUMBERS 6:22-27

PSALM 8 - REFRAIN

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens. R

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out? You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honour; R

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet; All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field, R

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world! R

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS

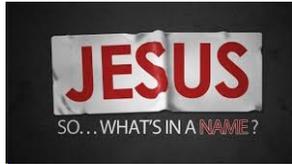
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.
GALATIANS 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #131 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

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.



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. LUKE 2:15-21

Sermon

Archdeacon Michael

The Apostles Creed Let us confess the faith of our baptism:
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 Jesus, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Kolhapur - (North India) The Rt Revd Bathuel Tiwade.
Local Ministerial: The congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry.
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot I; Tall Ship - Picton Castle; Scientific Research Vessel - Joides Resolution.

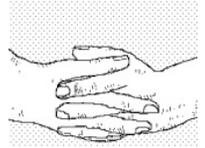
Confession and Absolution

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.
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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #155 "From East to West, from Shore to Shore"

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

Gracious God, the name of Jesus brings salvation to the world. In all we offer you on this new year's day, may we honour him, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #S 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 Christmas

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore we praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

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.

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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.

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ. 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

In joyful hope for peace in the new year, we pray:

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.
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.
All 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.

*This community of faith,
welcomes to the Lord's table
all who wish to be nourished
with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymns: # 137 "What Child is This";
122 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Prayer after Communion

Father, you have fed us heavenly food in the sacrament of the
body and blood of Christ. Grant that we, sharing in this mystery, may
turn always to that name which is above all others, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

Doxology

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

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace,
and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, + the Son,
and the Holy Spirit bless you now and always. Amen.

Dismissal

Go to enter the new year in joyful hope. Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn # 160 'As with Gladness Men of Old'

Postlude: Overture from Unto Us a Child is Born – J. S. Bach

Ring out, wild bells - by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
the year is going, let him do;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress for all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out the false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN - My Home And Family

Please bless my brother/sister - even when we fight,
bless my bedroom - where I feel safe at night.
God bless my mum and bless my dad –
even when I'm naughty and they get mad.

Please bless my pets and each wild animal,
bless birds in our garden, and don't forget the zoo.
Bless each of my friends and my teachers at school,
Please even bless the bullies who think they are so cool.
And now please bless me too, and keep me close to you. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents

Lord, grant us children,
who will be strong enough to know when they are weak;
who will be unbending in defeat, yet humble and gentle in victory.
Grant us children, whose wishes will not take the place of their deeds;
children who will know you and know themselves.
Lead them, we pray you, not in the path of ease and comfort,
but rather in the path of difficulties and challenges.

Grant us children,
whose hearts will be clear, and whose goals will be high;
children who will master themselves before seeking to master others.
And after all these things, add, we pray,
a sense of humour, so that they can be serious,
yet never take themselves too seriously.
Then, we, their parents, will dare to whisper, we have not lived in vain.
From a prayer by General MacArthur

NOTICES

COMBINED LUTHERAN/ANGLICAN SERVICE

Next Sunday, January 8th, we will be holding our annual combined service at Zion Lutheran. This is a delightful way to enter the new year. Our Sunday School children and parents are invited as well and a reception will follow afterward. Please note the time of the service is at 11 am. Sunday School is scheduled at 9:45-10:45 am.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Do you know anyone who would like to be prayed for specifically for a certain reason? St John's has a group of volunteers to pray daily for people. Please let our Rector Michael know of anyone who is ill. If you would like to include someone on the Prayer list, please contact Holly Mitchell 634-8477 or email: hollymitchell@eastlink.ca

Once you make a prayer request, the message will be forwarded to the members of the prayer team. Holly will also keep records up to date. (They like to hear when God has answered prayers.) If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Team, please contact Holly.

ANNUAL REPORTS

It is time once again to start preparing your Committee Reports for the 2016 Annual Report. Please email them to Mary at the office: stjohnslunenburg@bellaliant.com. The AGM is scheduled for February 12.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'