

# St. John's Anglican Church

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia  
Rector: Reverend Michael H. Mitchell

October 8, 2017

## FATHER ALVIN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to The Church of Saint John



This morning as we gather to give thanks to God for all the blessings that He has bestowed upon us: for the gift of life, family, creation, food, and good health.

The presence of the trawl tubs and the barrels in the church, is a reminder of God's gifts to us and of our desire to offer thanksgiving, by sharing a portion of our abundance with those who use the Lunenburg Interchurch Food Bank. On behalf of the workers and those who use the Food Bank, we thank you for your kindness and support.

The giving of thanks acknowledges the fact that all we possess is a gift from God. Like the Israelites of the sacred scriptures, we must remind ourselves that it was not our might and power that provided us with the many blessings in life - they are all a free gift from God our Father. Our giving of thanks and our prayers of thanks are a constant reminder of our faith, that God is at work in our lives and the world in which we live. While we may be tired and forlorn, God is always present. While the world may appear to be in a conundrum, God's divine plan continues in and through the tragedies and conflicts.

A grateful attitude impacts the attitudes of others, what we share - a smile, a greeting, handshake, or the giving of a gift brings joy to those whom we meet in our daily life.

Someone once told me: "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that would suffice."

God's blessing upon you and your family as you share this Thanksgiving with family and friends.

*Alvin+*

#### LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Bill Black

10:30 am Velvet, Susan, Heather, Robert, Roger, Charlene

Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Carolyn Hogg

10:30am Hughie Fraser, Claire-Louise Osmond

Sidespersons: Osmond/Bence Family, Fred Rhineland; Server: Aisling Curtin

Offertory: Hughie & Libby Fraser

Collection: Eli & Meg Bence & Claire-Louise Osmond, Emmi & Eadlin Fraser

#### NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer

10:30 am Kevin Skinner, Susan MacMillan, Velvet Eliuk

Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Maureen Moffatt

10:30am Kevin Skinner, Rosemary Smith

Sidespersons: Fred Rhineland; Server: Aisling Curtin

## The Holy Eucharist

Handbell Prelude: 'Come Ye Thankful People Come' – Dobrinski

### The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #262 'Come Ye Thankful People, Come'

#### 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.

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

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 with Thanksgiving.

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things.  
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use  
your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in  
generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your  
creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors as he is doing today. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

## PSALM REFRAIN 'You Crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.'

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions. R

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. R

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away. R

You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples. R

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. R

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. R

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. R

PSALM 65 Reader: Emmi Fraser

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

## Gradual Hymn #258 'We Plough the Fields'

### GOSPEL ~ Reader: Gill Osmond

The Lord be with you. People And with your Spirit.  
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke  
People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." The Gospel of Christ. Praise to your Lord, Jesus Christ. LUKE 17:11-19

## Reflection

**The Apostles Creed** We give thanks for 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.  
Response: Lord our God, hear our prayer.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St Albans - (Canterbury, England)  
 The Rt Revd Alan Smith, St Albans - Bedford - (Canterbury, England)  
 The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, St Albans - Hertford - (Canterbury, England)  
 The Rt Revd Michael Beasley.  
 Diocesan Cycle: Pray for St. Barnabas, Blue Rocks, The Very Rev John Wright and Mary; St. John's, Lunenburg, Rev Alvin Westgate, Priest-in-Charge, and Cathy Ramey, Rev. Michael Mitchell and Holly.  
 Local Ministerial: Pray for the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Rev. Laurence Mawhinney and Marion.  
 Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Maude Adams;  
 Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Picton Castle.

### 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.  
 And also with you.  
 The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord.

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

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 Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn 'The Blue Green Hills of Earth' from 'Earth Mass'  
 arranged by Paul Halley

For the earth forever turning, for the skies, for every sea  
 To our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth.  
 (Choir sings and repeated by choir and congregation)  
 1. For the mountains, hills and pastures, in their silent majesty  
 For all life, for all the nations, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.  
 2. For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the land that makes us free  
 For the stars, for all the heaven, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.  
 3. For the earth forever turning, for the skies, for every sea  
 To our Lord we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth.

### The Prayer Over The Gifts Read by celebrant

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours and you invite us to be good stewards. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I

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 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.

CP #732 Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest, 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 our faith. (Sung)  
CP #733 Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.  
Amen. (Sung 3x) CP #734

### The Lord's Prayer

In a spirit of gratitude for God's many blessings, let us 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  
Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.  
So may your Church be gathered from the ends  
of the earth into your kingdom.

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.  
The gifts of God for the People of God.  
All Thanks be to God.

### The Communion #745 (Senchur)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

*The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes to the Lord's table all who desire to receive Holy Communion and who wish to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.*

Communion Hymns #79 'To You, O Kindly Jesus Christ';  
#259 'For the Fruit of All Creation'

### Prayer after Communion

God of our hope, in this Eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name 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

Let us rejoice and give thanks in the Day of the Lord, and Amen.  
May 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 #399 'Now Thank We All Our God'

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God – Karg-Elert

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## PRAYER

Almighty God, who abundantly provides all good things, turn our thoughts, hearts and actions outward, as we give You hearty thanks. Inspire us to be attentive to the blessings of local businesses. Provide us with opportunities to support and 'love our neighbours' as we minister to the World and share the many blessings of our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Special Service of Evensong at St. John's Anglican, Lunenburg  
300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vinegar Bible  
Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4 pm  
with special guests in attendance:  
Archbishop Ron Cutler  
The Honourable Dr. Mayann Francis  
(Lt. Governor at time of the return of the Vinegar Bible)  
Neville Elwood, MD, husband of the Late Dr. Marie Elwood (who  
was instrumental in locating and repatriating the Bible)  
and other dignitaries

### Music Announcement:

The Chester Brass together with the Riverport Choir will perform in concert here at St. John's on Sunday, October 15 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door.

An Invitation: Martin Luther began his reform movement 500 years ago, an event which has impacted all of us, regardless of our church background. As part of the world-wide commemoration of this event, the Lunenburg Lutheran Parish is inviting brother and sister Christians, and any who are interested, to a series of discussions on what Martin Luther means for us today. "Tracing Luther" is a 7-session series prepared by Pastor Rick Pryce, which is based on a study tour of Germany taken in 2011. The sessions will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, 65 Fox St., Lunenburg, and will be held on the following Tuesdays: October 10, 17, 24, November 7, 14, 21. Sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will last one hour. No registration, no cost. Just come!

### APPLE PIES ON SALE!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Lunenburg District Fire Department have homemade unbaked apple pies available for \$8.00. Please help our local Fire Department by calling Heather Hyson to place your order 902-634-9149.

## Guest Presenters/Upcoming Events

With the summer months almost behind us, we have a busy schedule lined up this fall. The following is a list of currently scheduled events and guests coming to share their clerical insights with us:  
Sunday, October 22nd – Archbishop Fred Hiltz followed by a Congregational Potluck lunch  
Sunday, November 5th – Archbishop Ron Cutler followed by a Congregational Potluck lunch  
Sunday, Nov. 5th at 4pm – 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Vinegar Bible

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***Happy Thanksgiving!***