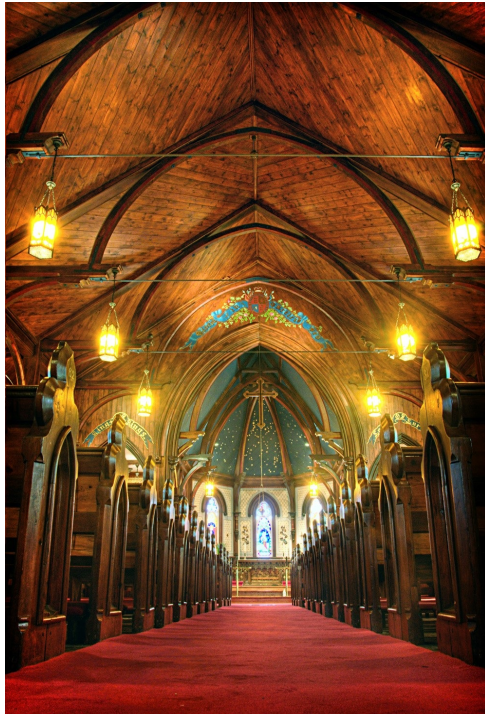


Alvin's Message

Welcome to the Church of Saint John this morning.



Today the Evangelist, Saint John, reminds us of the commandment Jesus left His disciples, at the Last Supper; 'Love one another as I have loved you.' This is the Commandment that He not only spoke, but also demonstrated; by washing the feet of the 12 disciples, which we commemorate on Maundy

Thursday, and ultimately by dying on the cross for all mankind. This love originates with God. God first loved us in creating man and all creation. Then in the fullness of time He sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

The images of the 'Good Shepherd' and 'The vine and the branches' are images of love: Father and Son, Jesus and the followers of Jesus. Hence, we have a number of action verbs expressed in the telling of this story of love: abiding, keeping, believing, and loving. As a child of God, we are to do love; love one another. If we do not love, than we are people of hate and live in darkness. Let us be children of light and love one another, as God loves us.

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St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Alvin Westgate
Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Robert MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Ben Smith, Cathy Ramey
10:30am Haigh Carthew, John Collins
Sidespersons: Betty & Elroy Creaser; Server: Aisling Curtin

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 13TH

Lay Readers: 8:30 am Barbara Eisenhauer
10:30 am Susan MacMillan
Lectors: 8:30 am Carolyn Hogg, Maureen Moffatt
10:30am Lynn Ellis, Hazel Oliver
Sidespersons: Betty & Elroy Creaser; Server: Aisling Curtin

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DUTY SCHEDULE

PreK....Missy/Olivia/Laura
Kindergarten....Christina/Alex
Grade I-II....Louise/Brooke/Jasmine
General Assembly....Emmi Fraser

The Holy Eucharist

Communion Setting "Missa Nova in C" - Tilley

Prelude: Mozart Violin Concerto in A - 2nd movement;
Melodie – Gluck/Kreisler

Hymn #312 'Sing a New Song Unto the Lord'

A Time of Play with the Children

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.
People May he fill our hearts with joy.

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 (Spoken)

All 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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days. ACTS 10:44-48

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM - REFRAIN The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things. With his right hand and his holy arm he has won for himself the victory. R
The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness he has openly shown in the sight of the nations. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. R

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. R

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. R

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth. In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. R PSALM 98

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the

one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

1 JOHN 5:1-6

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 'I love the Lord' (Iona) - See Insert

GOSPEL

Reader: The Lord be with you. People And with thy Spirit.

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



"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you

friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

JOHN 15:9-17

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

REFLECTION ~ Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisener, CSC

The Apostles Creed We confess the faith of our baptism, saying, 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, hear us in love.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya. Diocesan Cycle: Pray for St. Luke's, Dartmouth, Rev Matthew Sponagle and Katie; St. John's, Westphal, Rev Tricia Ingram, Priest-in-Charge, and Dave.

Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of Central United Church and Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum and Barry.

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. 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

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.

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #453 'Living Lord of Love's Dominion'

The Prayer over the Gifts

Lord our God, loving Father, you planted your Son among your people as the true vine of faithful love. Let him give himself to us today as our bread of strength and pour for us the wine of fidelity, that we may live in him and he in us, and that we may bear fruits of unity and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Easter

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. We praise you Lord, with all the angels, in their song of joy.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung)
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. 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.

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

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:

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us that we might live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

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

*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.*

**Communion Hymns #59 'Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him';
#60 'I Come with Joy'; Song for violin and piano - Reynaldo Hahn**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and
the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his
risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 and Sending Out

May the God of peace, make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul, and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
The blessing of God almighty, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in joyful hope to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn #458 'Seek Ye First'

Postlude: Gavotte – Martini

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NOTICES

Finalize St. John's Shared Vision

We have scheduled two more meetings to help finalize our
Shared Vision. The draft, which you should have received by e-mail
earlier this week, was based on the many meetings held over the past
3 months. We have additional hard copies available in both the
church and the Hall. Both meetings will be held at 7pm in the Parish
Hall: one on Thursday 10 May and the last one Monday 14 May.
Please come out on one of these dates and help us put the finishing
touches on what we want to create over the next 5 years.

Music Announcements:

We welcome violinist Bonnie Romkey as our guest this morning. Bonnie
has recently moved to the province with her Nova Scotian-born husband
of 15 years. A native of Utah, Bonnie studied violin at BYU (Performance
and Pedagogy), and twice toured the U.S.A. with the BYU Chamber
Orchestra. After winning the Utah Advanced Violin Competition at 19,
Bonnie performed regularly with Barlow Bradford's Utah Chamber
Artists, and recorded television and movie soundtracks with L.A. East
Studios. After serving her tenure as concertmaster and soloist with the
Southwest Symphony in St. George, Utah, Bonnie played first violin with
the Empyrean String Quartet. She has taught as an adjunct, at the
university level, and has produced more than 30 Music Sterling Scholars
over the past decade. Modern communications technology allows Bonnie
to teach violin to students from as far away as France, New Zealand,
Kazakhstan, and Saudi Arabia. Bonnie is a member of the Perseus Trio
together with cellist Ifan Williams and pianist Sharon Gow-Knickle.

On Sunday, May 20 at 4 pm we are pleased to welcome Capella Regalis
Men and Boys Choir for a special evensong. The event is a joint effort by
Musique Royale and St. John's Music Committee which will support
restoration, of damaged churches, in the Anglican Diocese of
Cuernavaca, home to Rev. Gillian Ball. Rev. Ball has assisted with many
services here at St. John's and is a former resident of Chester Basin. A
reception follows in the church hall to which all are invited.

Musique Royale Events at St. John's Church
 Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 pm - Duo Dialogue - Daniel, Fuchs, violin;
 Mark McDonald, organ
 Sunday, May 27 at 3 pm - Aeolian Singers
 Sunday, June 3 at 4 pm - Halifax Camerata Singers
 Friday, June 15 at 7 pm - Eastern Horizon Choir
 Thurs., June 28 at 7 pm- Les Petits Chanteurs du Mont Royal

Sunday, May 20th, at the 10:30 service, the service music, including hymns and communion setting, will be gospel based, as on Sunday, April 15th.

We are accepting Mother's Day Memorials for the May 13th bulletin. Please call Mary at the office if you would like to place a Memorial.

The Mother's Day Brunch, prepared by the men of the parish, will be held on Saturday, May 12th at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. Please place your name on the Sign up Sheet at the church or Parish Hall.

We are in search of a Treasurer for the parish. If you are able to volunteer, please contact warden, Blake Starratt at 902-634-9424.

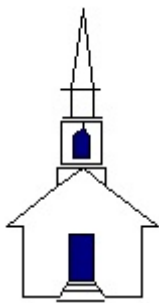
NEWSLETTER

Plans are underway to prepare a summer Newsletter to be placed in the church on May 27th. We would like all articles to be forwarded to Brian and Janice Kenefick cynffig@eastlink.ca no later than noon Monday, May 21st.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR

A six week lecture series covering "World Religions" is being presented by Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisener, C.S.C. at the Parish Hall each Tuesday evening through May 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. 1. Hinduism; 2. Buddhism; 3. Sikhism; 4. Chinese Traditions; 5. Judaism; 6. Islam.

Don't forget about EVENING PRAYER at 4 pm on Sunday in the hall. All are welcome!



Next Sunday, May 13th, we will be joining our neighbours at Zion Lutheran Church at 11am for worship. There will be an 8:30am service here at St. John's, but no 10:30am service. Please note the time of worship at Zion is 11am. All are welcome.

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CHURCH HUMOUR

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window and see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."