

Today we celebrate a baptism! While baptism is the sacrament of Christian welcome, we know that God's relationship with Lachlan began long before we ever met him. So what we are doing today is offering thanks for that relationship, and celebrating Lachlan's relationship with the church.

As we remember our own baptisms, and renew our own promises with God, we prayerfully consider again how we are called to live our lives, in love and service, finding ways to use the gifts God has given us to make the world a better place - because we are the baptized family of God.

Thanks be to God for Lachlan, for his siblings Sophia and Penelope, and for the deep delight we all experience in baptism.
Laura Marie+

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

Lay Readers: 10:30 am Roger & Charlene Demone
Lectors: 8:30 am Linda Macdonald, Carolyn Hogg
10:30 am Katharine Owen, Sheila Morris
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Sharon Green, Patty Tanner

NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 27TH

Lay Readers: 10:30 am Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Duncan Crowdis, Ed Jordan
10:30am Sunday School
Sidespersons: 10:30 am Lillian & Howard Keeping

St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Rector: Reverend Laura Marie Piotrowicz
Organist & Choir Director: Barbara Butler

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.

We welcome for Holy Baptism,
Lachlan James Miller,
son of Andrew and Shauna Miller. May God's
blessing be upon the family and upon this parish
as we welcome this child into God's family today.



BAS Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Communion Setting Land of Rest

Prelude: Cradle Song - Grieg

The Gathering of the Community

Please stand for Processional Hymn

Hymn #418 'Draw the Circle Wide'

Children's Talk

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 There is one body and one Spirit,
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; 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 ISAIAH

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

ISAIAH 62:1-5

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN We feast on the riches of your house, O Lord. Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord. R

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. R

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. R

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart. R PSALM 36:5-10

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

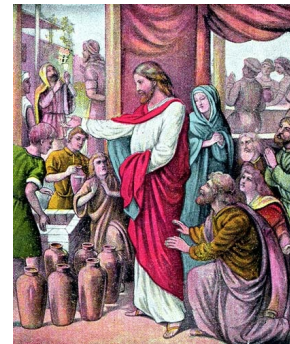
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

Gospel Hymn #43 'From All the Wind's Wide Quarters'

Gospel

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

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



On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it

to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. JOHN 2:1-11
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Laura Marie

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

I present Lachlan James Miller to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?
Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help your child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and sponsors, I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks parents and sponsors:
Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?
Answer I do.
Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

Question to the congregation,
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People We will.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for Lachlan James, who is to receive the sacrament of new birth. Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus the Christ may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Baptism Procession Hymn #35

'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Thanksgiving Over the Water - The celebrant blesses the water.

The Lord be with you. People And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.
All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.
All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son, Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.
All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called Lachlan to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint him with your Holy Spirit and bring him to new birth in the family of your Church, that he may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. All Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

The Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with Lachlan, who is committing himself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? People I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? People I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? People I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? People I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? People I will, with God's help.

The Baptism

Lachlan James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Baptism Procession Hymn #35

'Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters'

3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

The following prayer is said together:

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon this your servant
the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him
to the new life of grace.
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

All Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

The peace and joy of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you. The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

Anthem: Grow in Peace - Archer

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #37 'We'll Sing in the Morning'

The Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.	And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.
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Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
today you have gathered us together
in this eucharistic feast,
that we may be renewed in love, joy, and peace.
Now with all creation we lift our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

CP #719 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. 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)
CP#720 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; Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours almighty Father, now and forever. Amen. (Sung 3x) CP #721

As our saviour taught us, 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

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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

- (Sung) O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
 have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:
 grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymn #73 'One Bread, One Body'

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Doxology

Celebrant 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 & Dismissal
 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 God almighty, the Father, + the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #598 'Go to the World'

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude in D - Willan

NOTICES

ANNUAL REPORTS

All Committee Reports should be emailed to Mary at the Parish Office no later than February 7th.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the Parish Hall after the 10:30am service on Sunday, March 3rd. Please bring a favourite dish to share at the Pot Luck meal.

Music Announcement: Our eighth annual SouperMarket, presented by the joint choirs and music committee of St. John's Church, takes place on Saturday, February 9 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm in the parish hall. You're invited to share warmth and friendship with delicious soup, fresh rolls, and decadent desserts in a cheerful café setting. Take-out is available if you wish - \$10 (\$5 for students).

ANNUAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON
 AND MYSTERY AUCTION

All ladies of St. John's are invited to attend the Annual Potluck Luncheon and Mystery Auction in the parish hall on Monday, January 21 at 12 Noon. There will be lots of good food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend.

Three of the small cream pitchers from the recently purchased cream and sugar sets are missing. If someone has borrowed them, it would be greatly appreciated if they could be returned to the kitchen. Thank you very much.

The Lunenburg Christian Unity Service will be held today at St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church, Lunenburg at 7pm. All are welcome!

OUR HERITAGE - The Organ

At the centre of music in worship is the new Casavant organ, installed in 2005. Casavant Freres Ltd. Of Hyacinthe, Quebec had installed a two manual pipe organ in 1954 but it was completely destroyed in the fire of 2001. The 2005 Casavant Organ, Opus #3845 has 1,816 pipes compared to the 1954 organ with 1,296 pipes. The design of the new organ was inspired by the stop list of the previous 1954 Casavant organ, and well designed for the Anglican liturgy. In order to have the appearance of the organ relate to the architecture of the restored church, the facade pipes are stencilled using colours and decorative patterns found elsewhere in the church. This practice was frequently employed by North American organ builders when working in 19th century buildings and is an ideal way to integrate the organ visually into the Carpenter Gothic style of the restored church.
 By Heritage Ministry

DUTY SCHEDULE

Promised Doves...Chasity Spindler...Laura Eisner
 Rainbow Sunshine...Emmi Fraser...Jasmine Saunders
 The Giraffes...Dr. Hughie Fraser; Golden Dogs...Lori Nickerson
 General Assembly...Emmi Fraser
 Music...Dr. Hughie Fraser...Rev. Dr. Wendell Eisner