



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.*

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

The letters of the New Testament are a delightful accounting of people celebrating their life and ministry in the grace and love of God. Today's passage is no exception: the author declaring "I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service."

Clearly this is joy in service, having recognized the full impact of being a Christ-follower. The energy and enthusiasm that the writer exudes is literally "overflowing" from within, and it becomes almost contagious, suggesting that Timothy could consider his own way of making manifest his joy in the Lord.

What a great invitation for all of us to go through a similar time of prayerful discernment: how are we joyful in the Lord? How do we serve Jesus Christ in our daily lives? How do we share the good news of God in Christ with those we encounter?

What a great reading to keep in mind as we celebrate the many ministries of our parish, within the structures of our church and extending into our broader community. What a joyful opportunity of celebrating Jesus, that we too might be "an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life."

~Laura Marie+

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Licensed Lay Minister: 8:30 am Charlene Demone
Licensed Lay Ministers: 10:30 am Susan MacMillan, Heather Hyson
Lectors: 8:30 am Maureen Moffatt, Carolyn Hogg
10:30am Margaret Shirley, Patsy Perkins
Greeters: Ann Grandy, Carolyn White

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd

Licensed Lay Minister: 8:30 am Robert MacMillan
Licensed Lay Minister s: 10:30 am Heather Hyson, Velvet Eliuk
Lectors: 8:30 am Roxie Smith, Ben Smith
10:30am Haigh Carthew, Katharine Owen

Please note: our beloved Mary Wagner remains on vacation until Monday September 23!

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude: Salvation Unto Us Has Come - Jemand Anderes
Announcements

Processional Hymn #1 'Holy, Holy, Holy'

Children's Time and Blessing of the Backpacks

The Gathering of the Community

Cel: 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.

Cel: 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.

Gloria

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

Cel: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we
are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of
your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 JEREMIAH

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot
wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my
poor people, not to winnow or cleanse a wind too strong for that. Now
it is I who speak in judgement against them. "For my people are foolish,
they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no
understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do
good." I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the
heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they
were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there
was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo,
the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before
the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land
shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the
earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken,
I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28

PSALM 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who
does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after
God. Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will
rejoice and Israel be glad.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. I TIMOTHY 1:12-17

Gospel Hymn #62 'Before the World Began'

Cel: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Cel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:1-10
The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Cel: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Diocesan Cycle: Rawdon, Nova Scotia, the Rev Lorraine Street, Priest-in-Charge; Wilmot, Nova Scotia, Archdeacon Paul Jennings, rector (Elizabeth), and the Rev Lynn Uzans, Assistant Priest (Elmer)
Local Ministerial: Pray for the congregation of Zion Lutheran (the Rev. Rick Pryce and Deborah).
Fisheries: Adams & Knickle - Cachalot;
Clearwater - Atlantic Protector; Tall Ship - Bluenose II.

The Prayers of the People

To the petition "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "Hear our prayer."

Confession and Absolution

Cel: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

All: 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.

Cel: 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.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Cel: The peace and joy of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Cel: Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn #501 'Through All the Changing Scenes'

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Cel: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are
reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken
world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.	

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your
beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your
living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin
Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to
reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in
suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and
so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his
life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your
presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the
glory of your name.

(Sung) 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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to
suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take,
and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which
is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you
this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to
stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy
Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you and give you glory through your
Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy
Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. Amen. (Sung)

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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

Cel: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one
bread.
All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
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.

Communion Hymns #500 'Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant', #496
'Teach Me, My God and King'

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of peace, in this Eucharist we have been reconciled to you
and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by
holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ the 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

Cel: 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; the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit be upon you, those you love, those you pray for, and
those you serve, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #482 'Come and Journey'

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

Postlude: Toccata in E Minor - Johann Pachelbel

Sunday School Duty Schedule:

Promised Doves: Anne Spence
Rainbow Sunshine: Rena Demone, Jasmine Saunders
Giraffes: Christina Pottie
Golden Dogs: Christina Pottie
General Assembly: Rena Demone
Music: Lorne Spence

NOTICES

HEALING PRAYERS

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, you are invited to join us for a brief service of prayers for healing, and laying on of hands/anointing. This service will take place in the Bartholomew Chapel at 9.30am (beginning today).

FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please note the change)

The Annual Service and Blessing of the Fleet takes place 2:00 pm today at the waterfront. All are welcome to attend.

NEWSLETTER!

Do you have good news to be shared? Our Thanksgiving Newsletter is now being prepared! Submissions are to be received by noon on Monday, 23 Sept. Please email Brian Kenefick at cynffig@eastlink.ca

WEDNESDAY MORNING PLAY GROUP

Starting this week, from 9.30 - 11.30, a pre-school play group will be once again up and running in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Skinner.

BOOK CLUB

Open to all - in parish and beyond! Join us Tuesday 08 October from 7.00pm at the Rectory. This month's selection: **BOOK OF JOY: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World** (A dialogue between the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Choir practice begins this Wednesday, September 18 at 7 pm in the sanctuary and continue on regular Thursday evenings beginning September 26. New members are always welcome.

Musique Royale events:

"meagan&amy" – violin and piano duo
Tuesday Sept 17 at 5 pm at Cecilia's Retreat, Mahone Bay.
Please see email Barbara at barbara.butler@ns.sympatico.ca for reservations.

Camerata Carolina Heidelberg
Monday, September 23 at 7:30 pm - St. John's Church, Lunenburg
David Greenberg & David McGuinness - Autumn Any Day Now
Wednesday, Sept 25 at 7 pm – St. Barnabas Church, Blue Rocks
Ensemble Caprice & Constantinople
Friday, Sept 27 at 7:30 pm - St. John's Church, Lunenburg

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