

12 July 2026

10:30 a.m.



Nova Scotia Lupins, 2026 Grant Dixon

7th Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Anglican Church  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall  
Director of Music: Donald Russell, ARCO

Prelude: Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 600 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas David Thorne

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

*Standing, we sing*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

387 All Praise to Thee

Sine Nomine

### OPENING GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

### KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.  
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

### THE COLLECT

Creating God, you scatter new life with generosity and promise.  
We pray that we will be healthy soil for your life-giving love,  
rejoicing in the gift and the giver, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Sitting, we listen to the* FIRST READING

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife because she was barren, and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

For the word of God in scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:105-112

**Refrain: Your word, O God, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. **Refrain**

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O God, according to your word. Accept my offerings of praise, O God, and teach me your ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

**Refrain**

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

**Refrain**

*Sitting, we listen to the* **SECOND READING** Romans 8:1-11

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the word of God in scripture  
For the word of God among us  
For the word of God within us

**Thanks be to God.**

*Standing, we sing*

#### THE GRADUAL HYMN

S 85 God of the Bible

God of the Bible

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root,

they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sitting, we listen to:*

THE SERMON

*Standing for:*

SHEMAH

*(The prayer Jesus recited twice a day)*

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

*Sitting for:*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the whole earth. We pray that the garden of your church will always be a place of refuge where all might find beauty, strength and courage for their journeys. We give thanks for prayers heard and answered, and for your gracious and faithful companionship with us. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

God of Creation, you are with us in each season and cycle; in life and death, planting and harvest. Accompany us with good humour and wisdom that we may see you at every turn, pointing the way to hope and renewal. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

God, our comforter, relieve the suffering of those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, and bring respite and encouragement for those who care for them. We pray for those we hold in our hearts, and those known to you alone, **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

God of Peace, we pray for our world, and for an easing of tensions and conflicts in all places. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear of ways we can be a peaceful presence in our daily life and work, and strengthen our hearts to be your peace. **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the roots of your goodness that run deep in our sacred story. You call your people to faithful living. Guide us in our work of tending and caring for all entrusted to us, encourage us with your living water and help us to trust your wisdom. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

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.

*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.

### ABSOLUTION

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.

*Standing for*

### THE PEACE

### OFFERTORY HYMN

259 For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar Hyd Y Nos

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive these gifts, O God, and transform us through sharing them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand your call to follow you faithfully all our days. Amen.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. At your word the earth was made and spun on its course among the planets. Your hand formed us from the dust of the earth and set us among all your creatures, to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you, you kept faith with us; your love remained steadfast. When we were enslaved in Egypt, you broke the bonds of slavery, led us through the sea to freedom, and made a covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. You spoke of love and justice in the prophets, and in the Word made flesh, you lived among us manifesting your glory. He died that we might live, and is risen to raise us to new life. Therefore we praise you, singing with angels and archangels and all the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your name:

## SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord whom you sent to save us. He came with healing in his touch, and was wounded for our sins. He came with mercy in his voice, and mocked as one despised. He came with peace in his heart and met violence and death. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup, giving thanks and saying, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins, Do this in remembrance of me."

In remembrance, we take from your creation this bread and this wine, and celebrate his rising to new life, as we await the day of his coming again. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you, to be a living, holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that as we share this meal, our eyes will be opened to recognize Christ with us. By your Spirit, make our hearts burn within us, that we may recognize and welcome him as host and anticipate the day when we will feast with him in heaven. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever, **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.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 gifts of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

#### THE COMMUNION

*(All are welcome to receive. We share the bread and the common cup.  
Gluten free, with protocols available, likewise please signal if you'd like a  
blessing. If you would like communion to be brought to you, please signal  
an usher.)*

#### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### THE COMMUNION HYMN

511 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Southwell

*Standing, we pray the*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Christ. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(followed by the people's Amen.)*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

560 God, Whose Almighty Word

Moscow

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G major, Op. 7, No. 9

John Stanley (1713-86)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group (Lower Hall) Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays at Noon

Wednesday, Noon

Assisting with the Service today:

8:30 Lector: Gill Osmond

10: 30 Lectors: Donald Russell, Rosemary Smith

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Jane Ritcey, Wilfred Moore,

Annalise Wall

Assisting with the Service next week:

8:30 Lector: Bruce MacAdam

Lectors: Lynn Ellis, Andrew Griffin

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

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