

5 July 2026

10:30 a.m.



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6th Sunday after Pentecost

St. John's Anglican Church  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

*Standing, we sing*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

383 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Duke Street

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

**Holy God, we give thanks for your tender compassion and your willingness to bear our burdens and comfort us in affliction. Give us grace and courage to share with you in this holy work, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

*Sitting, we listen to the Readings*

### FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his

men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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 145:8-14

**Refrain: God is gracious and full of compassion.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness. The Lord is loving to everyone \* and his compassion is over all his works. **Refrain**

All your works praise you, O Lord, \* and your faithful servants bless you. They make known the glory of your kingdom \* and speak of your power; That the peoples may know of your power \* and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. **Refrain**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \* your dominion endures throughout all ages. The Lord is faithful in all his words

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and merciful in all his deeds.

**Refrain**

**SECOND READING**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (6:12-23)

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Kingsfold

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 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 of rest and renewal, we pray that 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.**

Keeper of our lives, you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call your people to faithful living. You are with us in suffering and fear, joy and laughter. Give us courage to entrust our burdens to you, so that in you we may find rest. **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

## 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.**

### 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.**

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

60 I Come with Joy

Land of Rest

*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

355 All creatures of our God and King

Laast Uns Erfreuen

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

Planning Group (*Lunch & Learn*)      Monday 5:00 p.m.  
Family Play Group (Lower Hall)      Tuesday 10:00 a.m.  
Music at Noon - Hannah Parks, piano      Wednesday Noon

Assisting with the Service today:

8:30 Lector: Bruce Holdbrook  
10:30 Lectors: Annalise Wall, Dan Sargeant  
Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan  
Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall  
Greeters: Jim Shephard, Joan and Dan Sargeant

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lector: Gill Osmond  
Lectors: Donald Russell, Rosemary Smith  
Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard  
Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall  
Greeters: Jane Ritcey , Wilfred Moore, A. Wall

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