

14 June 2026

10:30 a.m.



Abraham and the Three Visitors Marc Chagall (1887-1985)

3rd after Pentecost
St. John's Anglican Church
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

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

Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Mass Setting: Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome and Announcements

Standing, we sing together:

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

Beach Spring

OPENING GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.

THE COLLECT

God of the prophets and apostles, Jesus commissioned the twelve disciples to proclaim good news. May their teaching increase in us capacity for holiness and healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sitting, we listen to the 1st Reading

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

God appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought,

and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.' So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for God? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh." The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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.

The choir stands to sing the Psalm,

Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

Organ Choir and Congregation

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my suppli- / cation; *
because he inclined his ear to me on the / day I / called to him. 10 How
shall I repay the / Lord * for all the benefits / he has / given to me? 11 I
will lift up the cup of sal- / vation * and call upon the / name of the /
Lord. **Refrain**

12 I will fulfil my vows to the / Lord * in the presence of / all his /
people. 13 Precious in the sight of the / Lord * is the death of his /
faithful / servants. 14 O Lord, I am your / servant, * your servant, the
child of your handmaid; you have freed me / from my / bonds.
Refrain

15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of / thanksgiving * and call upon the /
name of the / Lord. 16 I will fulfil my vows to the / Lord * in the
presence of / all his / people, 17 In the courts of the house of the / Lord,
* in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. / Alle- / luia. **Refrain**

Sitting, we listen to the 2nd Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the

Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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:

GRADUAL HYMN

347 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

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 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother

John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sitting, we listen to:

THE SERMON

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Standing for:

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Evangelical Lutheran Church

We believe in God, the creator of all things,
the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt
with steadfast love and mercy,

Who made a straight path in the wilderness,

Who promises to make all things new.

We believe in Jesus, the Messiah, who is Emmanuel, God with us. He is
king of Kings, yet born of Mary.

He showed God's love through healing and teaching,
And chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross.

After three days he rose from the dead
and appeared to many.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the One who inspires faith,

Who has spoken through prophets and preachers,
the One who breathes new life into the church
and the world, Who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating.

We believe that Jesus is still with us.

We believe that the Holy Spirit
is calling us forth in love and mercy.

Sitting for:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of laughter and hospitality, you visit us in surprising ways, meeting our fears with peace, and calling us to new ways of growing and living with you in faithful service. **God of hope and healing, hear our prayer.**

God of rest and renewal, we pray that your church will always be a place of refuge where all might find strength and courage for their journeys. We give thanks for prayers heard and answered and for your gracious and faithful companionship with us.

God of hope and healing, hear our prayer.

God of sustenance, as the earth nourishes us, may we find ways to share your gifts with one another. **God of hope and healing, hear our prayer.**

God, our comforter, relieve the suffering of those who struggle in body, mind, or spirit, and give respite to those who care for them, those we hold in our hearts, and those known to you alone, God of hope and healing, hear our prayer. **God of hope and healing, 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, teach us to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence in all things. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

430 Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

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

(in both kinds – the bread and the common cup)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

615 Just As I Am

Woodworth

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Blaenwern

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in F

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week in the life of the church:

Family Play Group (Lower Hall)

Tuesday 10:00 a.m.

Parish Council

Wednesday 5:00 p.m.

Assisting with the Service today:

Lectors: Heather Eisenhauer, Duncan Crowdis

Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard

Live Stream Tech: Ron Wall

Greeters: Peter Smith, Heather and Jim Eisenhauer

Assisting with the Service next week:

Lectors: Heather Hyson, David Shimp

Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan

Live Stream Tech: Hans Van Nie

Greeters: Peter Smith, Heather Hyson, Sherry Skinner

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