

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Guest Presider: Rev. Canon Lisa Vaughn

Licensed Lay Minister: Gordon West

Processional Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns (CP 378)

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (said)

Collect: God of eternal wisdom, you alone impart the gift of discernment: grant us understanding hearts, so that we may choose wisely between the treasures of your promised reign and this world's counterfeits; through Jesus Christ, the pearl of true value. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Genesis 29: 15-28 (Lorna Sibley)

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45c

Romans 8: 26-39 (Jeff Hunt)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 (Bill Canning)

Homily – Natasha Bejarano

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – As Trees from Tiny Seeds

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #1

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Breaking of Bread #2

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion and Ablution Music (instrumental)

Prayer after Communion: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

Closing Hymn – How Firm a Foundation (CP 527)

Dismissal

Music – Let There Be Love

Postlude

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of my wife Doris and departed family members from Walter Spears.

Greeters: Hazel & Michael Sherren

Counters: Michael Sherren & Bill Wesley

Chancel Guild: Team February

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday, August 2nd – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (from Pray Without Ceasing)

A warm **welcome** to all who are visiting with us over the summer months! We hope that our sanctuary is a restful place for you and a time of encounter with our gracious God. May you journey on in safety.

Our office is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays only** in the summer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Communion: We offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You're invited to cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side. Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Rev. Lori is on holiday from July 19 – August 12th. Pastoral emergencies during that time can be referred first to Natasha Bejarano (902-956-5522). If you require the services of a priest, Natasha will contact the Rev. Glenn Eason.

Angela will be on vacation from July 27th to August 4th. Maria will fill in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 12:00 noon.

ASK ME! You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red “ASK ME” buttons. If you are new to St. John’s (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don’t have an answer for you, they’ll find one!

Welcome Wednesdays have begun. The church is open each Wednesday this summer from 10:30 – 2:00. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Leona Hunt at lhunt69@gmail.com. If not, why not drop by to meet your neighbours, have conversation and share in Morning Prayer held each Wednesday at 11:00.

Book Study: There will be one more session of the book study on John Mark Comer’s Practicing the Way. We will consider the section on a Rule of Life on **Sunday, September 13th** after the worship. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide the coffee/tea. All are welcome. Books are available in the parish office for \$30. Practicing the Way also has a podcast available at:

Podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/practicing-the-way/id1729195085>,

Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=practicing+the+way+podcast

Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/show/7dHIByUQ588Li9pUtv0TDn>

Your Spiritual Development Committee is seeking creative entries to a **logo contest**. We’re working on Welcome Bags for newcomers to the parish and we need a bright and eye-catching logo for screen printing onto our gift bags. Design a logo that shows something about St. John’s and who we are. There will be a prize for the chosen logo. Get out your pencils and paints and submit something to the office. Open to all parishioners of any age!

Spiritual Café, Lectionary Study and Meditation are now on their summer break. Watch for dates for their return in the fall.

Our choir has ceased formal rehearsals for the summer. We have moved to our **summer music format** with a reduced number of hymns and a pick-up choir. May those who offer the ministry of music all year long find time and opportunity to rejuvenate and renew over the summer break.

Our parish **Fall Retreat** date has been set! Please mark **Saturday, September 26th** in your calendars for a day away together at the Seek Wilderness facility at the top of Young St. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, reflection, sharing and enjoying God’s good creation!

We are exploring the possibility of holding an **adult Confirmation Class** this fall. Any who are interested in seeking Confirmation are asked to speak to Rev. Lori.

Terrace Hill Cemetery is now open for the season.

Praying for Peace: During the Second World War, a group of people stopped whatever they were doing for a specific time every night to pray for peace and safety for everyone. They did this every day, and it was as if the whole city paused – such was the power of prayer. The result was so overwhelming that the bombing stopped shortly afterward! Now once again some people are organizing. A group of people around the world has agreed to spend one minute praying for the safety of our countries, for the end of the problems that oppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. The time chosen for Canada to pray is **12:00 noon**. Please pause in your busy day to pray for peace at that time.

Lapghans Needed! If you are looking for a summer project, we’re in need of lapghans for the coming months! We distribute an average of 150 lapghans annually on the Palliative Care Unit at CEHHC. If you would like more information, contact the Hospice Society at 902-893-3265 or info@cehhospice.org

Mission to Seafarers: We will be starting our Mission to Seafarers Campaign earlier in the fall this year. Items for a regular running shoe box include: Hat / Toque, Scarf or neck warmer, Gloves, Socks. Wrapped hard candy (**no chocolate**), Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo or body wash (no larger than 375ml to fit in a shoebox), Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorant, Lip balm, Playing cards, Pen/pencil, Small packages of tissues, Comb, Christmas card, Bible (supplied by mission), Mementos of NS, PEI or Canada. Rev'd Bev will be explaining more about this mission at various Sundays through to the late fall.



July 26th, 2026 9th Sunday after Pentecost



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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