

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Jean Stratford

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

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (sung)

Collect: God of our salvation, we falter before the demands of your word and turn away from your call to life. As you showed mercy to your people of old, pour out your mercy on us, so that we may turn from our sinfulness and walk the path of self-emptying love made known in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 17: 1-7 (Bev DeVouge)

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2: 1-13 (Ikedi Chikwendu)

Gradual Hymn: Servant Song

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32 (Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Leona Hunt

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – Together We Serve

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #2

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #1

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Bread of the World (CP 54)

Ablution Hymn: Blest are the Pure in Heart (CP 439)

Prayer after Communion: Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Thou Whose Almighty Word (CP 560)

Dismissal

Music: May the Lord

Postlude

Greeters: Placide Chiasson & Tom Rudolph

Counters: Stephen Hamlin & Sterling Hubley

Chancel Guild: Team March

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mike Hansen from his family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Sept. 29th – Card and Game Social 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. (Upper hall)
Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m. – St. Michael and All Angels

Wednesday, Sept. 30th – Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2nd – Meditation 10:00 a.m.
Lectionary Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, October 4th – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) Sunday School Coffee Hour

2:00 p.m. Blessing of Animals (Church Lawn)

The church office has resumed **regular hours**. Hours going forward will be Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 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.

Our annual **Blessing of Animals** service takes place **next Sunday**, October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will meet on the church lawn at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Bring your companion animals for blessing and join with us as we give thanks for all God's good creation.

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!

Card and Game Social: Join us on Tuesday, September 29th for a social time with friends in the upper hall from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite board game. Playing cards will be provided, along with tea and coffee and a snack.

Thanksgiving Decorating: Thanksgiving is just two weeks away! Please consider donating gifts of produce and packaged, dried or canned goods which we can use to decorate our sanctuary and share with the Food Bank after the celebration. Gifts may be dropped at the parish office during regular office hours or brought to the church on **Saturday morning, Oct 10 between 10-11**. We can also use extra hands that morning to help us decorate. Many hands make light work!

Spiritual Café dates for the fall: (Fridays at 9:00 a.m.) - November 6 & 27 and December 18. On all other Friday mornings we will have **Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study**. Meditation is at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room of the parish hall and Lectionary at 11:00 a.m. in the main parish hall meeting room. All are welcome to join us!

Sunday School dates for the fall term are October 4 & 18, November 1, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 20.

Coffee hour dates for the fall will be October 4 & 18, November 1, 15 & 29, and December 6 & 20.

Men's Fellowship Group will be starting up once again in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to consider giving us a try or would like to know more about the group, please contact Harry MacKenzie, either in person or by email (htmackenzie2@gmail.com). This will be our third year of operating, and we are always looking to increase our numbers!

Mary Hubley is taking orders for copies of the **2027 Canadian Church Calendar**. This cost is \$8. If you have ordered in the past, she will automatically order you a copy. If you have not ordered before and would like a copy, please contact her at 902-893-8087 or speak to her in church.

Our parish **Fall Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, October 17th**. We will enjoy 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! (**Note: change of date**)

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, 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.

We are exploring the possibility of holding an **adult Confirmation Class** this fall. If interested in seeking Confirmation, please speak to Rev. Lori.

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.

Pickleball anyone? We are exploring the possibility of setting up pickleball play for interested parishioners in the upstairs hall. Pickleball for years has been the fastest growing sport in North America; providing an excellent opportunity for fitness and fellowship for people of all ages. If the interest is there, we will put together a meeting to look at the next steps; ie times and frequency of play. If you think you'd like to give pickleball a try, please contact Harry MacKenzie at htmackenzie2@gmail.com



EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 7:00 P.M.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

SERMON: DEACON NATASHA



FLOURISHING FAITH

A flourishing congregation is grounded in a simple, life-giving truth: when we stay rooted in Christ, our daily lives naturally overflow with joy, purpose, and spiritual vitality. To help our communities continue to grow a vibrant spiritual life, we are anchoring our faith formation around four practical, interconnected rhythms:

Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines
Christian Education & Study
Worship & Sacramental Life
Giving, Serving & Stewarding

ROOTED & REACHING – MICROPRACTICE

Living the Liturgy

Focus: Worship & Sacramental Life

THE PRACTICE: Sunday worship sends us out into the world. When you hear the dismissal ('Go in peace to love and serve the Lord') make a mental note of the first person or neighborhood you encounter outside church doors, carrying Christ's peace consciously into that interaction.

TRY THIS AT HOME: Create a simple sacred corner in your living space – a candle, a cross, or a stone – as a visual reminder that your domestic daily life is also holy ground.

PARISH REFLECTION: How does our gathering around the Lord's Table each week change the way we look at our neighbors on Monday morning?

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." — Psalm 34:8

Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Setting the Table for Peace. **World Food Day** is October 16th. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church as we host a live-stream Worship Service from St. Matthew's Church in Kitchener, Ontario and meet Skylar Boylan, our new Atlantic Rep.

September 27th, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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