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Welcome to all, especially those visiting today!

Please make yourself known to the greeters.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

In Nova Scotia:

~ St. John the Evangelist, Sackville

~ St. Francis by the Lakes, Lower Sackville

~ Timberlea

Provincial Prayer Care

National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher A. Harper

and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

Council of the North

Diocese of Saskatchewan

~ Bishop Michael Hawkins; Indigenous Bishop Adam Halkett

DCS Cycle of Prayer – St. John's, Ellerslie

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

July 30 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost (green)

Readings: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128;

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Worship Time: 11 am – Parish Service at St. Elizabeth's HC

Parish Service (only) at St. Elizabeth's next Sunday, July 30 at 11 am. Service will include a focus on honouring the history of each of the four churches which collectively make up our Parish today.

The Holy Communion Liturgy is adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book, and service will be led by Rev'd Shirley along with LLM's Kim Gallant and Dennis Cole. Come and enjoy this time of worship and fellowship.

Saturday, August 5 -- St. Mark's Church Yard Sale from 9-12.

Come by and browse the new items that have been added to our present treasures. If anyone has other items to donate, please call Dianne (902-836-4978) or Marlene (902-836-4303). The sale will be held in the church basement. Spread the word and bring a friend along.

It is the Anglican Parish's turn to lead the worship for the **Harvest Festival Service** this year (Sunday, August 20 – 9:30 am).

This will include our combined choirs singing. All choir members are encouraged to participate. Gwendy Murphy will be in touch with her contact for each church about practices in advance, which will be in the first two weeks of August. Please note that the combined choir won't be wearing choir gowns, but are encouraged to wear black and white.

COLLECT (p 369)

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 369)

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving.

Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (p 369)

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A READING FROM GENESIS 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel.

A READING FROM ROMANS 8:12-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'"

"An enemy did this," he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'"

"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.""

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.