## ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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# September 10, 2023

Welcome to everyone gathered here today. Special welcome to those visiting with us! Please make yourself known to the greeters.

#### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

**Today's Readings:** Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

#### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

#### In Nova Scotia:

~ St. James', Kentville - Rev. Kristin MacKenzie, and Michael

~ Wilmot – Rev. Ruby Carter

#### **Provincial Prayer Care**

Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Council of General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada

<u>Council of the North</u> Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh: Bishop Lydia Mamakwa <u>DCS Cycle of Prayer</u> – St. Paul's, Charlottetown <u>Prayer Partner</u> - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

### <u>September 17 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u>

Readings: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35 Readers: Jim E, Sandra H; Kim G, Tim O; Doris M, Norma T Prayers of the People: Sandra H, Lola MO, Bronwyn C Worship Times: 9 am – St. Thomas' MP 11 am – St. Mark's MP 11 am – St. Stephen's HC

Beginning on September 13, Office Secretary Bonnie LaFrance will resume Wednesday morning office hours, 9 am – 12 pm. Announcements for the Sunday bulletin should be forwarded to the office by Tuesday evening. Thank you!

#### **SEPTEMBER MEETINGS**

- ~ Parish Council Monday, September 11 7 pm at St. Elizabeth's
- ~ St. Mark's Church Council Monday, September 18 7 pm
- ~ St. Thomas' Church Council Tuesday, September 19 7 pm
- ~ St. Stephen's Church Council Thursday, September 21 7 pm

~ St. Elizabeth's Church Council – Sunday, September 24 – 8 pm For everyone elected or acclaimed into roles, please note: We appreciate your attendance at Parish Council, and/or Church Council meetings, both because we do need a set number to have Quorum, and as importantly, your input and ideas are critical (regardless of whether you would technically have a vote on a particular issue).

**Bible Study** will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., online and in person at the Rectory.

**Clinton View Lodge** worship service that was scheduled for September 6 has been postponed to Wednesday, September 27, at 2:15 p.m. Please consider joining as you are able!

**Sunday School** will be resuming at St. Stephen's in September. Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information. **Confirmation Classes** will be offered in September. Please contact Rev'd Shirley for more information.

**Kensington & Area Christian Council** meets on Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm at Princetown United Church in Malpeque.

**The Isle-a-Chords** are holding a 50th Reunion Celebration Song Service on September 17th at 7 pm at St. John's Presbyterian Church in New London. Freewill offering will go to QEH and PCH.

**Hospice PEI** is seeking volunteers in all communities (seeking more male interest and more bilingual speaking volunteers). If this has been something that you have wondered about and wanted to give back to your community and those in need, we ask that you reach out and connect with a coordinator to find out about how you can make a difference, making each day count, by bringing comfort and joy to our care recipients we support. Fall training session (2 days, cost \$30) will be held in Queens, East, and West regions (dates/times and locations to be determined). Contact: Queens (902-368-4095); East (902-438-4231); West (902-859-3949)

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#### **<u>COLLECT</u>** (p 378)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (p 379)

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (p 379)

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

#### **DAILY MANNA – VERSE FOR THE DAY**

#### Day 1 – Hebrews 10:22a

"Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean."

#### **Day 2 – Psalm 91:2**

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.""

#### Day 3 – 2 Corinthians 6:2a

"For God says, 'At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.""

#### Day 4 – Deuteronomy 28:10a

"All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord."

#### Day 5 – Exodus 23:20a

"Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way."

#### Day 6 – 2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

#### Day 7 – Isaiah 55:11

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void... And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

#### A READING FROM EXODUS 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire-with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.



#### A READING FROM ROMANS 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."