TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

IN



November 15, 2026

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PARISH OF LANCASTER
Diocese of Fredericton
Anglican Church of Canada

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We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

10:30 am **Holy Communion**

The liturgy is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome and Scripture Sentence
Opening Hymn *"Sing a New Song unto the Lord"* **CP 312**
Collect for Purity *p. 067*
Summary of the Law *p. 069*
Lord, have mercy *(Kyrie eleison)* *p. 070*

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

First Reading Judges 4:1-7

A reading from Judges

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the
Lord, after Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King
Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army
was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites
cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of
iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was
judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between
Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites
came up to her for judgement. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of
Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the
God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor,
bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of
Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet
you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will
give him into your hand."' *[NRSV-A]*

Hear God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
4 **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians.

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! **4** But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; **5** for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; **7** for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. **8** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. *[NRSV-A]*

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Gradual Hymn *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* **CP 486**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Hear the Holy Gospel written in the twenty-fifth chapter
of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew
beginning at the fourteenth verse.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16** The one who had received the five

talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." *[NRSV-A]*

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed *p. 071*

Sermon Fr Christopher Ketch

Commissioning of Honorary Assistant Fr. Keith Joyce

Keith, do you accept this ministry as Honorary Assistant in the Parish of Lancaster, to preach the Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and offer pastoral care in partnership with me and for the good of this church?

I do, the Lord being my helper.

Church of the Good Shepherd, will you support Keith, honour his ministry, and uphold him in your prayers?

We will, with the help of God.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, who by your Holy Spirit has appointed diverse orders of ministry in your Church: We give you hearty thanks for the faithful priesthood of your servant Keith, and for the grace and wisdom he brings to our common life.

Bless our partnership in the Gospel. Bless him as he takes up the ministry of Honourary Assistant in this parish. Pour out your Spirit upon him and grant that his presence at the altar may nourish us, his preaching of the Word may inspire us, and his companionship may strengthen us.

Give him joy in this season of his life and ministry, free from anxious labor, but rich in the fruits of your Spirit. Guard his health, refresh his spirit, and grant that together we may show forth your love to the building up of your Church and the glory of your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Fr. Keith, we commission you as an Honourary Assistant among us. May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence *p. 072*

Offertory Hymn *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"* **CP 435**

1 Hear our prayer, O Heavenly Father,
Off'ring thankful hearts in praise
To Your glory and Your honour

For Your mercy and Your grace.
You forgive us and uphold us
In Your loving arms embrace.

2 We're God's people here together
And we praise You with full hearts
Gently loving us with mercy
Showing all what love imparts.
Help us grow to be Your children
Breathing love like Jesus Christ.

3 Fill us with Your Holy Spirit
To inspire and spread Your love
While we serve and love together
All Your children through Your grace.
Hallelujah, praise and glory-
To the Father and the Son.
{Hallelujah, love and honour-}
{Holy Spirit, Three in One.}

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Prayer over the Gifts *p. 074*
The Prayers *p. 075*
Invitation to Confession *p. 076*
Confession and Absolution *p. 077*
Comfortable Words *p. 077*
Thanksgiving and Consecration *p. 078*
The Peace *p. 083*
Prayer of Humble Access *p. 083*

The Communion

Receiving of Communion

While the church receives communion in silence, take the time to reflect or pray or sit quietly and to enable others to do so, and/or at any time to join in the singing of the following music:

"Speak, O Lord" ***TSH 292***

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for Your glory.

2 Teach us Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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"We Are an Offering" ***CH 678***

We lift our voices,
We lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You;
We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices;
Lord, use our hands;
Lord use our lives, they are Yours;
We are an offering.

All that we have,
All that we are,
All that we hope to be,.
We give to You,
We give to You.

AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord's Prayer *p. 085*
Prayer of Thanksgiving *p. 085*
The Gloria *p. 086*
The Blessing *as given by the presider*

THE CHURCH DEPARTS TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE

Dismissal

Closing Hymn *"Here I Am, Lord"* **CH 589**

1 Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of His word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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Postlude

Those serving today's worship and learning:

Bulletin preparation	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
Altar Guild	Sherry D. & Marilyn G.
Sunday School	Laura Janes
Sound system	Chris Titus
Greeter	Bill Sherriff & Judy Galbraith
Layreader & First Reader	Heather Masson
Second Reader	Tina Ouellette
Prayer Leader	Layreader
Organist & Choir Director	David Mitchell
Presider & preacher	Chris Ketch
Guitarist	Shayne Galbraith
Counters	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
Building care	Janet Brown

Who's serving next week is on the Narthex bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

Mon, Nov 16, 7:00 pm	Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474
Wed, Nov 18, 10:00 am	Saint John and District Senior's Shuffleboard (Large Hall) For more info contact Pauline Wilson at 506 738-8677
Wed, Nov 18, 7:00 pm	Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

Next Sunday –November 22 ***the Reign of CHRIST THE KING-Fr. Keith presiding*** Scripture readings Ezekiel 34:11-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

NOTICES

Happy Birthday this Week to:



Trevor Thibodeau, November 17
Elyse Doiron, November 20

"Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism"

Food Bank

Please remember the **West Side Food Bank** with a toonie or a loonie in the can in the Narthex, or a donation in a special envelope marked with your name or number. We aim to support the Food Bank by at least $ 200/month!

PRAYER

Prayer for folks in nursing or special care homes
Ginny Abbott, Frances Finley, Ann Hoben, Grenville Ingraham, Ruth Northeast, Arlene Trask.

Prayer for those in hospital or sick at home
Andrew Aalund, Diane Basque, Margaret Boyer, Edith Chilton, Shelly Clark Collins, Linda Cunningham, Jo-Ann Diamond, Bonnie Dean, Wendy DeWitt, Shirley Downing, Ernest Ellingwood, Barb Ellis, Debbie Green, Kaye Mallory, Pam Melanson, Michael Penchoff, Susan Penchoff, Carol Price, Margaret Ann Reid, Lois Shaw, Avery

Sherriff-Craft, Bob Sherwood, Mykayla Spinney, Norm Toole, Dennis Totton, Joe Totton, Robbie Wong.

OUR PARISH PRAYER TREE

A team of volunteers is available upon request, to pray for you or your loved one (with their permission) daily, for two weeks. These prayers will be treated with the strictest confidence. Prayer-requests should be short and to the point, and which will be passed on verbatim. The Lord knows what we need best! A follow-up of thanks or an update encourages our intercessors in their ministry.

Call our 'Captain', Ngaire Nelson 672-8666 with your request.

Prayer Shawls - if you know someone in our parish who is in great need for prayer and would find comfort in a shawl made with love and care. Contact Ngaire Nelson at 506-672-8666 or the church office at 506-635-8145.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of November 15-21, 2026

Mon:	Tina Ouellette
Tue:	Carol Patterson and Family
Wed:	Margaret Penchoff
Thur:	John and Jean Pickel
Fri:	Our "Christmas Baskets" Ministry

Please pray for these parishioners and ministry this week.

Saint John Mission to Seafarers Prayer Cycle

In November, we pray for harmony among the variety of nationalities and cultures onboard ships.