TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST IN



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November 8, 2026

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

PARISH OF LANCASTER

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10:30 am **A Service of the Word**

From Supplementary Texts (2001) to *The Book of Alternative Services.*

THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

Greeting

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *"To God, unending praise"*

1 To God unending praise belongs,
So wake your spirits happy song;
Each generation find your voice,
And let your soul in God rejoice,

Praise Him! Oh, Praise Him!
Sing His Praises, Unashamed.
Praise Him! Oh, Praise Him!
In Holy Song, With Hearts Aflame.

2 With Spirit-eyes we see Him come,
The Father mirrored in the Son;
Who, as a servant, visits us,
Attends our praise and makes us one.

3 Why should we then refuse to sing,
Those ransomed by The King of Kings;
Unmute The heart that fears to praise,
Let ev'ry voice an anthem raise.

4 Oh draw your happy circle wide
Bid saint and sinner come inside;
Or take your praises to the street,
With Clapping hands and dancing feet.

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Invitation, Confession and Prayer of Forgiveness

Officiant Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace of Christ

Officiant We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the peace of Christ.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray.

Father of all,
we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.
Grant them your peace,
let light perpetual shine upon them,
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Officiant Thank you, Father,
for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us
through your Word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of the One in whose name we pray,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

(from *A Prayer Book for Australia,* Anglican Church of Australia 1999)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Joshua 24:1-4,14-25

A reading from Joshua.

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and
summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel;
and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all
the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your
ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the
Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham
from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan
and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 4 and to Isaac I gave
Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but
Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

14 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity
and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served
beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are
unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the
River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as
for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should
forsake the Lord to serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God who
brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He
protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the
peoples through whom we passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us
all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also
will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord,
for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your
transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve
foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you,
after having done you good.' 21 And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we
will serve the Lord!' 22 Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are
witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve
him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' 23 He said, 'Then put away the
foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord,
the God of Israel.' 24 The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we
will serve, and him we will obey.' 25 So Joshua made a covenant with
the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at
Shechem. *[NRSV-A]*

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

Psalm *Psalm 78:1-7*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 **That the generations to come might know,**
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from First Thessalonians.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. **15** For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. **16** For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words. *[NRSV-A]*

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Gradual Hymn *"Rise Up and Shine"* **CP 157**

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five
of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is
the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." **7** Then all those bridesmaids
got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, "Give
us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." **9** But the wise
replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." **10** And while
they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready
went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.
11 Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to
us." **12** But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." **13** Keep
awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *[NRSV-A]*

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

Sermon Paul Desjardins

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,
All **I believe in God,**
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.
He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

On This Day of Remembrance

Prayers for Worship, Remembrance Sunday
(All Together) A Prayer of Confession:
O God, we confess that we have been afraid. We have been indecisive when others' lives were threatened, too concerned about politics and precedent. At other times, we have been quick to jump in, assured of our own righteousness and the justness of our cause. We have too often prayed to you to support our own prejudices and goals. Forgive us, and give us courage to seek peace with justice in your world, wherever that may lead us. We pray in Jesus Name.
Symbols of Remembrance:

Officiant: On this day of Remembrance, O God, we give thanks: (Symbol of remembrance is placed at the altar).

All: For peacekeepers and pacifists; for those who served on the front lines, and those who protest and march; for those who volunteered and those who waited anxiously at home; for those who hoped that things would get better, and those who could not stand by and wait.

Officiant: We give thanks for those who believed that the world could be a better place.

All: We remember and pray for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, trusting that others would carry the torch. We pray for comfort and strength and peace for those who mourn.

Officiant: We give thanks for those who were once enemies who have become friends and allies.

We Pray for Our Armed Forces
O God of hosts, God who calls us to be engaged in the world; we pray for those who are serving in our Armed Forces; soldiers, sailors, air personnel, and those who provide support for them. We pray for those who care for those who fight for peace and freedom in our world: for mental health workers, nurses, doctors, and chaplains. We pray for those who put themselves in harm's way; for Search and Rescue Technicians, for those engaged in mine-clearing, for those in the air or on the high seas. Keep them safe in their tasks; keep them virtuous in their calling; preserve them from danger, and return them to those who love them. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

We Pray for People of Courage
We offer to you, O God, our prayers for those who seek justice and resist evil. We pray for those who need your presence and strength to stand firm; for those who oppose the use of violence in any form in faithful following of the Prince of Peace. We pray for those who are prepared to protect those in danger. We pray for those who walk with others who need strength. We pray for those who protest, those who organize letter campaigns, those who give sacrificially on behalf of others. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

We pray for those who do not let their desire for peace hinder justice, and for those who do not let their zeal for justice override the call for peace.

We Pray for Our Enemies
We pray that those to whom we are opposed may be turned from enemy to friend. We pray that in our cause we may not fall into sin, so convinced of our own righteousness that we are unaware of our own sin. We pray that we are not so distracted by another's sin that we cannot be convinced of their value as children of God. May we always remember your willingness to forgive, and to bless, and to call the most unlikely people saints. God of mercy, **Hear our prayer**.

We pray all these things in Jesus Name. ***Amen***

Hymn for the Offering *"Let There Be Light"* **CP 572**

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Yours, Lord, is the greatness,**
the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

All **Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known. And through him, at all times and in all places, may we give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,**

hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

An Act of Remembrance is introduced with these or similar words.

Introduction

As we stand, as we're able, we observe this Act of Remembrance in respect for those of this congregation and so many others who gave their lives in wars to date, along with those who were injured and those who suffered the psychological damage that often is experienced by those who have seen the horrors of war. We also gratefully acknowledge our veterans, and those now serving in Canada's armed forces. And we remember all innocent victims – adults, children, and infants – of every conflict.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

"O Canada"

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Then it is said,

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

Then this response is given,

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm,

We will remember them.

SILENCE

"God save the King"

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,

happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the risen and ascended Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn *"I Want to Walk with Jesus"*

1 I want to walk with Jesus Christ
all the days I live of this life on earth;
to give to Him complete control
of body and soul.

Follow Him, follow Him,
yield your life to Him.
He has conquered death,
He is King of kings;
accept the joy which He gives to those
who yield their lives to Him

2 I want to learn to speak to Him,
to pray to Him, confess my sin,
to open my life and let Him in,
for joy will then be mine.

3 I want to learn to speak of Him,
my life must show that He lives in me;
my deeds, my thoughts, my words must speak
all of His love for me.

4 I want to learn to read His word,
for this is how I know the way
to live my life as pleases Him,
in holiness and joy.

5 O Holy Spirit of the Lord,
enter now into this heart of mine;
take full control of my selfish will
and make me wholly Thine!

Postlude

Those serving for this church's worship and learning today:

Bulletin preparation	Lori Maker (Parish Office)
Altar Guild	Bev, Sharon & Carol
Sunday School	Laura Janes
Sound system	Chris Titus
Greeter	Margaret Penchoff & Ann Stone
Layreader & First Reader	Paul Desjardins
Second Reader	Marilyn Galbraith
Prayer Leader	Layreader
Organist & Choir Director	David Mitchell
Guitarist	Shayne Galbraith
Officiant & preacher	Paul Desjardins
Counters	Terry Ricketts & Janet Brown
Building care	Terry Ricketts

THIS WEEK

Mon, Nov 9, 7:00 pm Tintinnabula Hand Bell Choir (Small Hall) For more info contact Lynn Adams at 506 635-8474

Wed, Nov 11, 7:00 pm Choir practice (Small Hall) For more info contact David Mitchell at 506 738-2798

FOR OUR WORSHIP AND LEARNING

Next Sunday –November 15 ***Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost-Fr. Chris presiding*** Scripture readings Judges 4:1-27; *Psalm* 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

NOTICES

Happy Birthday this Week to:



Beverly Doiron, November 9
Chris Galbraith, November 10
Linda Lewell & Carol Ann Melvin, November 11

"Remember you are a Child of God through Baptism"

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.

Parish Cycle of Prayer
Week of November 8-14, 2026

Mon:	David and Joyce Mitchell
Tue:	Deanna Morrison
Wed:	Ngaire Nelson and Family
Thur:	Danny and Janice Ouellette and Emma
Fri:	Rev. Christopher Ketch and Family

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 ship.

Remembrance Sunday

So on this day of "remembrance" let us seize the opportunity and prayerfully take to heart the radical message of the Prince of Peace and follow his way of reconciling love. Let us discern together the ways in which God is calling us to be peacemakers in his world.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness

in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil - hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars - must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Today we especially 'remember' those who have given their lives through war in service of our country. They have left home and family often to foreign lands in the search of justice, freedom, and peace; the effects of which we feel in our society today. The world could have been a very different place for us without their sacrifice, which cannot and should not be forgotten.

The memories we recall this Remembrance Sunday should spur us forward in the search for true harmony and peace throughout the world. As the Lord commanded the apostles to "Do this in memory of me" we gather this day praying for the graces of the great sacrifice of Calvary to engulf the whole world that we may live in the harmony for which Christ prayed; and to our fallen we say "We will remember them".

From the web site of the Rev Shirley Murphy, Anglican priest in Wales

