

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3.16

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God #399

Readings:

Numbers-21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10

p

The Holy Gospel:

John 3:14-21

Offertory Hymn:

Tell Out, My Soul #362

Communion and Ablutions Hymn:

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery #179 v1-5, 6e

The congregation is encouraged to sing with the Choir

Recessional Hymn:

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending #601

Receiving Holy Communion: *This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed.*

Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).

Our Ministers today

- Host: Erminie Reid
- Greeter: Al Chisholm
- Readers:..... Dale Sparkes and Mary Goliquer
- Prayers of the People: Linda Rintamaki
- Server: Bruce Adderley
- Eucharistic Assistants: Erminie Reid and Dale Sparkes
- Chancel Guild:..... Karen Ristanen and Erminie
- Coffee Hosts: Audrey and Neil Love, and Connie Bryson
- Food Cupboard: Connie, Grace, Shirley, Jim B, Noreen, Marion, Sharon S, Linda, Wayne, Peter and Spare

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England, The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby Archbishop of Canterbury.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for Bishop Ron Cutler, people, and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC); and the dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Parish of St. Joseph and St. George; Holy Trinity, Jocelyn; St. George's, Echo Bay; The Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach; Mr. Pat Brown - Lay Pastor and Administrator and The Rev. Rosalie Goos (Hon.).

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Richard and Adrienne Lambert and Kaylee; Al and Jessica Lauzon, Madelynn and Rosalie; Patrick Little; Doris Loon; Neil and Audrey Love and Paul Love.

Discernment Prayer for Our New Church

As we continue to prayerfully work towards discerning our future we ask you to grant that the people of the St. Luke's and St. John's congregations may remain faithful to our calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth. We ask you to fill us with wisdom, openness and joyful expectation, and to guide us, as we move forward together in hope, so that we can continue walking and working in your mission and in fellowship.

Amen.

Calendar for the Week

- | | |
|----------|---|
| March 13 | Advent Study continues with Rev Gail at 2:00 pm in Langworthy Hall. |
| March 14 | Warden's meeting at 11:00 am |
| March 15 | Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm |
| March 16 | Craft Group at 10:00 am |
| March 17 | Ukrainian Egg Decorating 10:00 am-3:00pm |

Scripture Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrew 5:5-10

Psalm 119:9-16
John 12:20-33

Attendance:

41

EOP: \$1,022.62

Givings: \$395.10

Total: \$1,417.72

Parish News

Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican and St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies and would like one, please take one.

There are booklets at the back of the church provided from **the Diocese of Algoma** entitled *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. It is a six-week offering of prayer and reflection from the Society of Saint John the Evangelist and the Centre for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. There are a limited number of copies available but it is available online at:

<http://meetingjesusinjohn.org/2017/10/04/journal-preview/>.

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give to a warden, or place on the offering plate.

The **Easter Flowers** will go on the altar as usual. Please contact Audrey Love at 344-4955 if you wish to donate. Thank you, Audrey Love, for the Chancel Guild.

Parking Passes are available for parishioners at a cost of \$10.00 for the year.

St John's Internet Mission is looking for volunteers to help with running the equipment. If interested please see Jim Green or Sharon Corston. Our services are now on the St John's website and can be viewed there.

Sunday Sermons can be heard on the St Luke's website <http://www.stlukes-thunderbay.ca/home.html>. The whole service can be watched on our website <http://www.stjohnsthunderbay.ca/>. Note: Please note that you may be visible on the online stream.



A Huge,
Huge ***THANK YOU*** to everyone who donated, bought tickets, or came out Friday, March 2nd, to the Camp Gitchigomee Two Bit Auction,
It was a huge success because of **ALL OF YOU!!!** Thank you on behalf of all the youth that will benefit as a result of your donations

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Mar 13** **Advent Study continues** with Rev Gail at 2:00 pm in Langworthy Hall.
- Mar 16** **Lenten Silent Retreat**, 5:00-8:00 pm at St Mary's Anglican Church, Nipigon. Cost is \$10.00. See poster for registration details.
- Mar 17** **Lenten Silent Retreat**, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at St Michael and All Angels Church. Cost is \$40.00. See poster for registration details.
- Mar 17** **Ukrainian Easter Egg decorating workshop** being offered by Carol Kostyniuk in Langworthy Hall from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Sign Up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Limit of 10 spaces.
- Mar 18** **Oras Chamber Choir Concert 3**, St Paul's United Church at 8:00 pm. See Erik Johannes Riekko for tickets.
- Mar 20** **Camp Gitchigomee Annual General Meeting** at St Luke's at 7:00 pm.
- Mar 24** **Spring Fashion Show- One Day Only!!** Come see, and shop, this year's Spring Fashions from Peter Nygard! 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, 278 Camelot Street. \$2.00 Admission. Coffee And Muffins Provided.
- Mar 29** **Talking to Kids About Death** by Hospice Northwest 7:00-9:00 pm in the Regency Ballroom, Victoria Inn. Register at 807-626-5570 ext 5573.
- Mar 30** **Community Choir Easter Concert**, Trinity United Church starting at 7:00 pm. Freewill offering.

Mar 31

Mission to Seafarers opening of shipping season

Recently, **The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund** (PWRDF) and Foodgrains Bank celebrated 10 years of working together to reduce hunger worldwide. 2018 is the 35th anniversary of the Foodgrains Bank. It works together with 14 other Canadian church agencies, representing 30 denominations, to help those who do not have enough to eat. **During this anniversary year you are invited to join in celebrating this partnership of Canadian churches through the Foodgrains Bank by making a special donation to the Working Together appeal.** Your gift will enable PWRDF, working with other Canadian churches, to provide emergency food for those caught in famine, or facing other urgent food needs around the world. **Your donation will be matched by the Government of Canada 4:1!**

Donations to PWRDF can be made on the website, by special church envelope, EOP (electronic offering program), or by phone 1-866-308-7973. You can also use mail and please make cheques payable to **PWRDF, Working Together**. The address is:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, The Anglican Church of Canada

80 Hayden Street, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

Bishop Anne Germond's motto for 2018

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

(Colossians 2 3:12, 14)

Sunday March 11th. 2018 – 4th Sunday of Lent

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Some people's hearts are so full of the world, there is no room for God.

The Church of St. John the Evangelist
228 Pearl Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 1E4

Email: church@stjohnsanglicantbay.ca

Office: 345-6898

Web: www.stjohnsthunderbay.ca

Hall: 345-6088

Pastor: The Rev. Canon George M. Porter, D.Phil.

Phone: 626-9650

Mobile: 355-5454

Email: porter.george@gmail.com

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. Gail M. Clifton, M.Div.

Phone: 768-9865

Honorary Assistant: The Rev. David Knudson, M.Div.

Phone: 473-0994

Mobile: 633-4761

Lay Reader:

Brenda O'Neill

Rector's Warden:

Marg Boone

People's Warden:

Jim Green

Deputy People's Warden:

David Reid

Organist/Music Director:

Erik Johannes Riecko