

June 7, 2026
Time after
Pentecost
Lectionary 10

St. John's Lutheran
Church Mahone Bay



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Sunday June 7th, 2026; Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 10

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Statement *(read by lector)*

We are honored to be worshipping here today in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, and we acknowledge them as the past, present, and future caretakers of this land.

Here at St. John's, we intentionally welcome all to worship and participate in our community. We believe we are drawn together by the love of Jesus Christ, our care for each other, and our passion for our community. At St. John's, all people are welcome, and we seek to worship in a way that respects and inspires our diversity. We believe that all people are created in the image of God, that all people are of sacred worth, and that Christ died, and rose, for all people. We believe that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. We welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We believe that the diversity of God's creation is part of what makes it beautiful. We are a church where it is safe to have differences and still remain united in the love of Jesus. No matter who you are, where you're from, or what you believe, you are always welcome at St. John's.

GATHERING

GATHERING WORDS *by Samantha Miller 2025 (adapted)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
Our Creator of heaven and of the universe,
we thank you for working continuously, courageously,
and diligently within each of the lives present on Mother Earth today.
We thank you for your loving protection

that has kept us all safe throughout our time so far here on Mother Earth.

We thank you for guiding the space that is held
in allowing us all to share, learn, and grow together in you.

We thank you for providing the people of our church
with the courage and dedication to learn how to travel together in your name.
Creator, forgive us
when we have fallen short in missing the mark in our daily lives both here and at home.
Lord, forgive us when we quieted the voice of our youth and Elders so that they feel they
are only present as a “tick in the box.”
when we’ve allowed fear of being seen to limit our expression and praise for you.
when we sought out our own desires instead of yours.
for the times we spoke before we sought understanding.
Creator, continue to remind us that we cannot work alone without you.
**give us the strength to leave our desires aside so that we allow
you to flourish in our hearts.**
May our lives reflect overflowing of your love. In Jesus name,
Amen.

Opening Hymn ~ ELW 556
~ *Morning Has Broken!*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE ~ p. 213

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ~ p. 213

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your
Spirit bring healing to this wounded world and raise us to the new life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their
distress they will beg my favor:

“Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my
mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt
offerings.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 50:7-15

“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.

I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

For all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills

I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.

Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ^{but} for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ ELW p.216

The holy gospel according to Mathew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MATHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district. The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *Pastor Annette*

***Hymn of the Day ~ ELW 595
~Jesus Loves Me***

APOSTLES' CREED – p. 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
The third day he rose again;
he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.
A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours such as *Mush-a-Mush and the Atlantic Ocean*.
Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need *especially* those we name in our hearts including Jocelyn Wentzell, Florence Slauenwhite, Donna Naugler, Wendy Keddy, David Conrad, Bruce Parks and Diane Fancy.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness.

May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Open space and time for community prayers

Pastor will continue with the concluding words below

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let's share a sign of peace with one another.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Offering is presented by one of the greeters.

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING ~ ELW p 219

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD ~ ELW p 220

FIRST NATION LORD'S PRAYER David L. Schmidt and Murdena Marshall, 1995

Our Father you sit on high. We honor Your name.

You will let us go to heaven on high.

There we will see You, we will be good there.

All will be there in heaven, all will worship You on high.

We will also worship You on earth while we are here.

The good things You gave us to eat

Give them to us again today for our food.

We forgive those who were angry at us

just as You forgive us Lord.

We are full of sin, strengthen us.

Do not expose us to evil, take evil away from us.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn ~ ELW 798
~ Will You Come and Follow Me*

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Jocelyn Wentzell, Florence Slauenwhite, Donna Naugler, Wendy Keddy,
David Conrad, Bruce Parks and Diane Fancy**

Please remember to pray for all those who we know

~ family and friends~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events:

- **Endowment Meeting:** Tuesday June 16 @ 6:00 pm
- **Council Meeting:** Tuesday June 16 @ 6:30 pm
- **Fellowship Sunday:** June 28th @ 12:00pm



Join us for an evening of
ringing and singing!

The
**Handbell
Ringers and Singers**
of First United Methodist Church,
Lakeland, Florida, USA



St. John's
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Mahone Bay

Friday,
June 12th
7 PM

Freewill
Offering

SUPPORT A
NEW PIANO
AT ST. JOHN'S

All proceeds will be used for the purchase
of a new Piano for St. John's
Lutheran Church.



COMMON TABLE

Please join us
for a BBQ!

Wednesday, June 17
5:30 pm

As always,
all
are
welcome!




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Other:

- Father's Day memorials **must be** into the office by **Friday June 12th**.
- The Church office will be **closed from June 17th to June 25th inclusively**.
- This summer new flooring and painting will be happening in the offices and Education Centre. **June 13th – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm:** if you are able to help we will start moving things from the Education Center in anticipation of the painting that will take place in June and July in the Education Center. If you have a “dolly” please bring it.
We will need to place some things into the church for the month of June and July. The flooring will happen the last week in July so everything needs to be out of the Education center and offices before then.
- **Fall Yard sale / bake sale - Sat Sept 26, 9am - 2 pm.** Please look around your house and see if you have items you wish to part with. Decluttering is a great thing.
- **Christmas bake and yard sale – Sat Nov 28, 9am - 2pm.** Look through your Christmas items and donate what you haven't put up for years. Those items may be vintage and they sell very quickly. Again, great way to weed out Christmas items you have had in a box for years.

- **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Seeking an Alternate Representative

South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry

Lynn Slack is our current representative, but we need a volunteer to serve as an alternate when needed.

Please consider this important role.
This helps St. John's stay connected, informed, and engaged in the shared ministry we are building together.

Interested or have questions?
Please speak with Lynn Slack or a member of Council for more information.



St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay

Call for Volunteers

Common Table Meal Coordinator Needed

St. John's is seeking a volunteer to coordinate our monthly Common Table Meal.

Please see a member of Council for details.

You don't have to cook — just organize and coordinate volunteers!

Please consider helping with this important ministry of hospitality.

- **CLWR/SYNOD**



PROVIDE RELIEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST

“No place feels safe. Families are fleeing with little notice...Children are sleeping in classrooms. Others remain in their homes, hearing bombs fall nearby.” This is what we’re hearing from our partners on the ground in Lebanon. The escalating violence in the region is causing displacement, fear and uncertainty in Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories and beyond.

Please join us in prayer for peace across the region and for everyone affected by the violence. And consider donating today to provide emergency relief like food, clean water, blankets and psychological care for families experiencing trauma.

Donate today at clwr.org/middleeast



- **Protect the progress around Lake Chad:** Funding for nature-based solutions, including CLWR's Friends of Creation project around Lake Chad, is at risk with the next federal budget. Use your voice now to let the government know you care about this work and want to see it protected. Use CLWR's letter-writing tool to send an email to your MP in just three minutes. Find the tool online at clwr.org/advocate

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SSLSM Worship Schedule – Odd and Even Months

Even Months (February, April, June, August, October, December)

Pastor Alex

Pastor Annette

June 7

9:00 am – Mt. Calvary, Upper Northfield

9:00 am – St. Andrew’s, West Northfield

11:00 am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

11:00 am – Zion, Lunenburg

1:00 pm – All Saints, Newcombville

1:00 pm – St. John’s, Mahone Bay SW

June 14

9:00 am – St. James, Branch LaHave

9:00 am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

11:00 am – St. John’s, Mahone Bay Communion

11:00 am – Mt. Olivet, Upper LaHave

1:00 pm – Zion, Lunenburg

1:00 pm – Grace, First South

June 21 – Father’s Day

9:00 am – St. Andrew’s, West Northfield

9:00 am – Mt. Calvary, Upper Northfield

11:00 am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

11:00 am – All Saints, Newcombville

1:00 pm – St. John’s, Mahone Bay SW

1:00 pm – Zion, Lunenburg

June 30

9:00 am – Grace, First South

9:00 am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

11:00 am – Zion, Lunenburg

11:00 am – St. John’s, Mahone Bay Communion

1:00 pm – St. Luke’s, Rhodes Corner

2:00 pm – St. James, Branch LaHave

Odd months on next page

SSLSM Worship Schedule – Odd and Even Months continued:

Odd Months (January, March, May, July, September, November)

Pastor Annette

Pastor Alex

July 5

9:00 am – Mount Calvary, Upper Northfield

9:00 am – St. Andrew’s, West Northfield

11:00 am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

11:00 am – Zion, Lunenburg

1:00 pm – All Saints, Newcombville

**1:00 pm – St. John’s, Mahone Bay
SW**

July 12

9:00 am – St. James, Branch LaHave

9:00 am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

**11:00 am – St. John’s, Mahone Bay
Communion**

11:00 am – Mt. Olivet, Upper LaHave

1:00 pm – Zion, Lunenburg

1:00 pm – Grace, First South

**July 19 – Camp Sunday @ 3:00 pm at
Camp Mush-A-Mush**

am – St. Andrew’s, West Northfield

am – Mt. Calvary, Upper Northfield

am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

am – All Saints, Newcombville

pm – St. John’s, Mahone Bay SW

pm – Zion, Lunenburg

July 26

9:00 am – Grace, First South

9:00am – St. Paul’s, Bridgewater

11:00 am – Zion, Lunenburg

**11:00 am – St. John’s, Mahone Bay
Communion**

1:00 pm – St. Luke’s, Rhodes Corner

2:00 pm – St. James, Branch LaHave