



ST. MARY THE VIRGIN ANGLICAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Lazarus and Dives, illumination from the 11th-century [Codex Aureus of Echternach](#)

June 7, 2026

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

10:00 A.M. MORNING PRAYER (Prayer book pp. 6-15.)
(Psalm 1, 5; 1 Kings 3:5-14; Acts 9:1-22)

10:30 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION (*Prayer Book pp. 67- 85*)
Communion Setting: John Merbecke (1510-1585)
Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Nathaniel Deng Mayen
Assistant: John Stark
Greeters: The Children Server: Gwyn
Lector: The Children

NURSERY for children up to 3 years.

GODLY PLAY for children 3-6 years.

FAITH QUEST for children 7-13 years. Children will worship and serve in church today.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS!

THE OFFERING PLATE and THE PRAYER FOLDER (for you to add the names of travelers, those in special need, and departed loved ones for inclusion in the prayers today), are located on the "loaves and fishes" offering table with the bread and wine. All baptized Christians who receive communion in their own churches are invited to come forward with faith and love towards Christ and His Church to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not receiving Communion, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing and indicate this by crossing your arms.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

 Skye Boat Song

 Scottish Folk Song

 Arranged by Kenneth Baker

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN: # 526 God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock

The Service of Holy Communion *begins on page 67*

The Lord's Prayer (Priest)

COLLECT for Purity

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY of the LAW - page 69

Response: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you; **And with thy spirit.**

COLLECT of the Day

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Samuel 9:1-11 READER: Johanna Davis

David asked, 'Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?' 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and he was summoned to David. The king said to him, 'Are you Ziba?' And he said, 'At your service!' 3 The king said, 'Is there anyone remaining of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?' Ziba said to the king, 'There remains a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.' 4 The king said to him, 'Where is he?' Ziba said to the king, 'He is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.' 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo debar. 6 Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, 'Mephibosheth!' He answered, 'I am your servant.' 7 David said to him, 'Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul,

and you yourself shall eat at my table always.' 8 He did obeisance and said, 'What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I am?'

9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba, and said to him, 'All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. 10 You and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him, and shall bring in the produce, so that your master's grandson may have food to eat; but your master's grandson Mephibosheth shall always eat at my table.' Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, 'According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do.' Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons.

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL PSALM: 41:1-4 READER: Monika Deng Mayen

1 BLESSED is he that considereth the poor and needy; / the LORD shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

2 The LORD preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed in the land; / and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

3 The LORD comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; / thou makest all his bed in his sickness.

4 I SAID, 'LORD, be merciful unto me; / heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.'

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 4:7-21 READER: Heather Schemenauer

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

R./ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN: # 458 Seek Ye First

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

R. / Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." 25 But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." 27 He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." 29 Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." 30 He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." 31 He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

R. / Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one

Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SERMON

OFFERTORY HYMN: # 519 The Lord's My Shepherd

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29. 10, 11, 14.*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE, BIDDINGS, INTERCESSION – pages 75-76

Lord in your mercy

R./ Hear our prayer.

GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION, COMFORTABLE WORDS - pages 77-78

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION – pages 78

THE Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying: (*sing*)

**HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER of CONSECRATION and BREAKING of BREAD – pages 82-83
R./Amen, Amen, Amen**

THE peace of the Lord be always with you;
And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in
our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not
worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art
the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us
therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his
Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we
may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

**O LAMB of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**Communion Hymns: Jesus, Strong and Kind
314 Laudate Omnes Gentes**

Jesus, Strong and Kind (The congregation is invited to sing along)

Verse 1

Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Verse 2

Jesus said, if I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

Refrain

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind

Verse 3

Jesus said that if I fear
I should come to Him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to Him

Refrain

Verse 4

Jesus said, if I am lost
He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross
He will come to me

Refrain (Twice)

Jesus, strong and kind

THE LORDS PRAYER: Our Father...

THANKSGIVING

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

... And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional Hymn: # 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Organ Postlude:

Celebration!

David Paxton (1955-1999)

NOTES FROM ST MARY'S VESTRY MEETING MAY 2026

- The Vestry received an update on the rector search and is pleased to report that Michael Lyons of Nipawin, Saskatchewan has been selected as the parish's new rector. He will arrive sometime in August. Discussions continue regarding compensation and transition arrangements, and Vestry is exploring whether the Diocese may assist with some relocation and travel expenses. Please continue to keep Michael and the vestry in your prayers during this transition.
- Several parish property and maintenance matters were discussed. Recent cleaning bees have made significant progress in the basement and nursery areas, and the spring rototilling fundraiser was completed successfully. Vestry expressed special appreciation to Starr and Nat for organizing and coordinating the project.
- After considering repair costs and future upkeep, Vestry approved the removal of the raised garden beds on the front lawn.
- To ensure pastoral care remains available until a new incumbent arrives, Vestry approved an arrangement with Rev. Gene Packwood to provide emergency pastoral coverage. Vestry also approved training for Katie Ritchie, Josh Ortman, and Tanya Watt to serve as home communion visitors.

- The Easter offering will be directed toward day-to-day operational expenses this year. While the parish has traditionally designated Easter offerings to local charities, no clear recipient organization connected with St. Mary's was identified at this time.
- Regarding refugee sponsorship, Vestry learned that available funds would not be sufficient to support two individuals as originally hoped. The parish will continue with its fundraising commitment but will sponsor one individual instead of two.
- Preparations are underway for the Berry Festival on July 18. Transportation arrangements are being adjusted, and this is expected to be the final year fresh berries will be used, with frozen berries planned for future festivals.
- Vestry also received updates on Safe Church initiatives, diocesan matters, and upcoming diocesan meetings and synod discussions.

PARISH LIFE NOTES

Morning Prayer

Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Evening Prayer

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

WORSHIP IN JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

June 14 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

June 21 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: The Venerable Jonathan Bauer, Executive Archdeacon of our Diocese

June 28 - Morning Prayer - led by Lloyd Begley

July 5 - Eucharist and Wedding of Katherine and Lyndon - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Paula Foster and Rev. Jesse Miller (Incumbent at St. Mary's, Maple Creek)

July 12 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

July 19 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

July 26 - Morning Prayer - led by Lloyd Begley

August 2 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Gene Packwood

August 9 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

August 16 - Eucharist - Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Nathaniel Deng

PASTORAL EMERGENCY If there are any emergencies, please call Reverend Gene Packwood at 306-209-7831.

LINK for BOOK PURCHASE As you may know, Katherine Gilks has recently published a novel through Pete's Press, entitled *Firstborn Daughter*. It is speculative fiction and suitable for ages 14 and up, though likely most relatable for adult readers. If you would like to purchase a copy, here is the link to the publishers' website: <https://petes-press.square.site/>. (The price is \$25.) If you would like more information about the book, please talk to Katherine.

WEDDING INVITATION "We are honoured to invite the congregation of St. Mary's to our wedding + communion service on Sunday, July 5th, 2026, at 10:30 am, with a lunch afterwards. Please let us know if you (+ family) and possible guests are planning to attend the lunch, in order for us to have the right numbers to plan the meal accordingly. Thank you and we look forward to celebrating with you! Our e-mails are: km.gilks@gmail.com and lyndonluu@gmail.com"

CAMP HARDING IS PARTNERING WITH THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION TO SAY YES TO KIDS! For generations, Camp Harding has been a place where children and youth encounter God in creation, form lasting friendships, and grow in faith. Nestled in the beauty of Cypress Hills, Camp Harding continues to offer life-giving Christian camp experiences for young people. This summer, Camp Harding will welcome youth campers through a Junior Camp, a

Teen Camp, and a South Sudanese community Dinka language camp. These programs create spaces of belonging, joy, and spiritual growth for the next generation.

Camp fees cover only part of the true cost of camp, and the Diocese of Qu'Appelle works hard to keep registration affordable for families.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support Camp Harding's ministry. **Every \$1,000 donation is matched by an angel donor. Your willingness to help us reach our goal of \$5,000 is appreciated.**

Donate today: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-anglican-foundation-of-canada/p2p/sytk2026/team/camp-harding-says-yes-to-kids>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP Following the announcement on Sunday May 3, 2026, the Refugee and Newcomer Support Committee invite members and friends of St. Mary Anglican Church to join in the new exciting journey to sponsor a refugee family. We will submit the application to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) within six weeks and request for your financial assistance to achieve this important goal. With the balance from the previous refugee sponsorship and contribution from the relatives in Canada to the applicant, we have currently raised \$15,038. We want to raise additional \$8,000 to achieve the sponsorship goal. Please send your cheque, e-transfer or cash marked "Refugee Fund" to the office. You can place your contributions in the collection plate on Sundays, and the Counters will designate the contributions to the Refugee Fund. Please note this project one-time contribution on top of your usual donation to the church.