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Intros to Today's Words from God

Acts 7:55-60 - Stephen has been brought before the Sanhedrin on a charge of blasphemy. He stands falsely accused of saying things against the Temple and Mosaic law. He has answered the high priest by showing that throughout history Israelites have opposed God and failed to keep the Law.

1 Peter 2:2-10 - The author writes to readers who are newly baptised. Just as God chose Jesus to be the cornerstone of the new temple, that is, the Church, so Christians are living stones of the spiritual house of God.

John 14:1-14 - Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure. He has given them a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved them. Mutual love will be a sign to everyone that they are his followers.

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**I am the way, and the truth,
and the life.**

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Jn 14:6

Purpose

To build a Christ centered, open-minded, caring, sharing family; alert to changing needs, and committed to involvement in worship, education, outreach and communications.

**April 20, 2008
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

News for the Pews

APRIL 20, 2008

8:00 am – HC – ACW Communion Breakfast

9:00 am – Holy Communion – BCP

11:00 am – Holy Communion – BAS

Sidesperson on Duty: Ralph Collier's Team

Hymns for the 9:00 am service: 348, 579, 499, 24 (Songbook)

Hymns Before the 11:00 Service: 179, 36 (Songbook)

Processional Hymn: 24 (Songbook)

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Collect of the Day

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gradual Hymn: 31 (Songbook)

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Sermon

The Creed

Prayers of the People

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Offertory Hymn: 579 (Hymn Book)

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymns during Communion: 152 (Songbook)

Prayer after Communion

The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn: 348 (Hymn Book)

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am – Holy Communion – BCP

9:00 am – Holy Communion - BCP

11:00 am – Holy Communion – BAS

Sidesperson on Duty: Ron Piercey's Team

We are extremely pleased to welcome Ann Abraham to our worship this morning to the ACW Communion Breakfast. Ann is no stranger to our church, the wife of our first Rector, a former organist and founder of our first choir. Ann has maintained a strong presence of caring as 'Grandmother' in one of our schools in St. John's, is active in the worship life at St. Luke's, and is a strong advocate for pastoral care and visitation. Ann, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our worship this morning, and we pray that your words may bring encouragement to our fellowship.

The Vestry will be meeting this evening at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Altar Guild is Monday, **April 21st**, at 2:00 pm. Please try to make an effort to attend this meeting.

ACW will be meeting at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, **April 22nd**. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Reminder: All those who took toonie plates last year are reminded to bring in their money for this meeting.

On **April 24th**, starting at 7:00 pm, we will be showing the movie, the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This is a movie that was made famous by the book of the same name that C.S. Lewis made famous. Later in May, the next book of C.S. Lewis' Narnia Tales, 'Prince Caspian', will be coming out in Theatres.

The Men's Service Club is again requesting support for their annual Flea Market, which will take place on Saturday, **May 3rd**. Contributions (no tires please) would be greatly appreciated and may be delivered to the Church hall on May 1st or 2nd. If assistance with transportation is needed, please call Willis Martin at 579-2073.

May 27th is the ACW's closing dinner. It will be held again at Bally Haly and the cost (including tax and tip) is \$18.00. Reservations/payment must be received by May 21st (see Katie Haws or Madge Churchill). All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend this evening of fun and fellowship.

There is a lady with a small child who would like to attend our church (11 am) but has no vehicle. She lives on Hamilton Avenue near Bennett Avenue. If you can help, please call Owen Brown (754-1559) who will relay information.

Note from the Rector: On Tuesday, **April 29th**, Wendy and I will be celebrating our 25th Wedding Anniversary with a Communion service that will include the reaffirmation of our Wedding Vows. If you have not already received your invitation, please know that we would love to have you join us for this celebration.

Thought for the Day

Life if not playing a good hand.

Life is playing a bad hand well.

Public Service Announcements

A Bereavement Seminar for people who have lost a loved one. This two-hour seminar describes the grieving process and presents some information on things individuals and families can do to help themselves and others during the time of grief. It also describes the resources available for those who are grieving. Dr. Rick Singleton, Director of Pastoral Care and Ethics, with Eastern Health, will present this session. The session is from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, **April 21st** at the Health Science Centre in room 2J-619. Stay on the main corridor through the main entrance. No registration is necessary. For more info, you can call 777-6959.

On Tuesday, **April 29th**, a Focus On Family event is being hosted at Bethesda Pentecostal Church. It is a one-night “After Happily Ever After” (The Adventure of a Lasting Marriage) event. Why not treat your spouse to a special night out with marriage coaches Dr. Gary and Barbara Rosberg, for an evening that will put a fresh spin on what it means to enjoy the adventure of marriage. The cost for the event is \$15 per person. You can register at focusonthefamily.ca or call Jeff Payne at 726-9480 ext. 4.

The St. John’s Choir presents Sing into Spring, a concert, dinner and silent auction, Saturday, **May 10th**, 6:30 for 7:30 pm at the CLB Armory, Harvey Road. Tickets \$30 through choir members or call Maxine at 895-3528. Celebrate Mother’s Day by treating your favourite Mother and Mother-in-Law to an evening of some favourite songs. Enjoy a great meal, cash bar and the chance to bid on a wide variety of items!

Festival 500 is proud to present Rajaton in Concert! for one night only on **May 13th** at 8:00 pm at Gower Street United Church. Ticket vouchers are on sale now at the Festival Office, 68 Queen’s Road, or by telephone at 738-6013. Tickets are \$35 for Adults and \$29 for Students and Seniors.

The Canadian Bible Society is asking for our help in opening a Candy Store of Scriptures (bible story books, biblical colouring books, audio tapes, etc.) for orphans in India. Each child will have an opportunity to read and learn about a Heavenly Father who loves and cares for it. Call Nichole McConkey at 1-800-465-2425 or email Cheryl Holliday at cholliday@biblesociety.ca to see how you can help.

SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Synod Office and the Lavrock Centre have several positions available for students. For details on job descriptions and application deadlines, please see “NEWS” on Diocesan Website www.anglican.nfol.ca or call the office at 576-6697.

In addition The Lavrock Centre is seeking an Assistant Cook for our 2008 season. Please contact Synod Office for more details.

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 10th. It was noted, that due to the bad weather over a series of Sundays in February and March, our financial contributions are down below our budget expectations, and we do ask for your prayerful and financial assistance.

We are also recommending the use of the debit system as a way to make part or all of your financial contributions to the church. We have application forms for the debit system located at the back of the church for your convenience. Kevin Kane, our People’s Warden, will be speaking on this at the end of the service. He is willing to answer any questions you may have regarding the debit system, and how it can be used in the church following the service. We ask that you prayerfully consider both requests.

Our Community Kitchen is a huge success, and we are very pleased to report that a number of our neighbours from Rabbittown have benefited from our collective generosity. We have most foodstuffs that we need for the final 3 weeks; however, we still need a few items. Your assistance is gratefully appreciated. The list of the food items required can be found at the back of the church. Thank you.

For those that brought items for the recent Spring Luncheon, please remember to pick up your pot or container. As well, there are a number of dishes, bowls, etc., that have not been picked up from previous events. Any item not claimed by May 2nd will be donated to the MSC’s Flea Market.

Our thanks to all who organized, help prepare the food, and who served at this year’s Spring Luncheon. It was a good success and the ladies of the ACW should be congratulated for all their hard work.

On June 7th and 8th, we shall be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Canon James Coffin’s ordination to the Priesthood. In celebration of this, we shall be holding two main events: 1) a banquet on June 7th, and 2) a worship service on June 8th, with Bishop Cy as our celebrant. Please keep these dates free and plan to come and celebrate Jim’s ministry with us.