

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



8th Sunday of Pentecost

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Honorary Assistant: Rev. Gail Clifton
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Lectors: David Reid, Erminie Reid
Eucharistic Assistants: Alex and Sylvia Kostecki
Greeter: Mary Ripley
Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

8th Sunday of Pentecost

July 23rd, 2023

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. Mask are no longer required but we are mask friendly, if you are more comfortable wearing it.

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55.11*

Opening Music: **CP 593** **(All 4 verses)**
 O God Of Every Nation

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

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

All: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a
new and living way into your presence. Give us pure
hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in
truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 139: 1 – 11, 22 - 23

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

Psalm Prayer:

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God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name.

Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans 8: 12 – 25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live

according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Were I To Cross From Land To Land**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 13: 24–30, 36 - 43

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

This is The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles Creed *BAS page 189*

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Lord, hear our prayer”

Lord, hear our prayer

For the Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Rev. Ann, Rev. Gail and all clergy as they lead, teach and shepherd us. By your Spirit, fill them with your wisdom, compassion and love.

Lord, hear our prayer

For leaders and all those in authority throughout the world; that they would be stirred to serve all people and motivated by truth, justice and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the safety and protection of medical, hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, NAPS, our armed forces and fire rangers.

Lord, hear our prayer

For a blessing upon farmers, who produce our food. Grant them favourable weather, good health, strength and keep them safe from all dangers in their work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For justice and lasting peace in countries ravaged by wars, especially Ukraine, Sudan, Palestine and Israel. For relief and safety for people and lands affected by drought,

wildfires, flood, famine, and other disasters.

Lord, hear our prayer

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those in need of your healing touch and grieving the loss of a loved one – (please say aloud or silently the names of persons); in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of the human-caused climate crisis; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Grace Place, Dew Drop Inn, Shelter House, Salvation Army, and our own Food Cupboard; whose staff and volunteers serve the hungry, lonely, and hurting people of our city. Grant them strength of purpose, resources and compassion to do this vital work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Camp Gitchigomee, as it continues to run this summer where children may have a wonderful time of camping fun and especially that campers of all ages would come to know the deep, deep love of Jesus.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our parish of Gathering Table; as living testimony to the miracle of the resurrection: may we be resurrected to the way of humility, curiosity, mercy, service, wholeness, justice and love.

Lord, hear our prayer

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,
**All 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Offertory: **CP 538 Nearer, My God To Thee**
(V 1,2,3)

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living
sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **All: Amen**

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 afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will
that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist
is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name

Holy, holy, holy Lord

**God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord*
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Patrick Schlabs

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one

all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold
to say,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread #4

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Celebrant: “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

All: **Give us this bread for ever.**

Celebrant: “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

All: **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

Communion Music:

**CP 59 Jesus Calls Us Here To Meet Him
If I Flee On Morning Wings**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and

acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Doxology

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Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

Let us revel in summer.

Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.

May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.

May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play.

This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements:

Closing Music: Spirit Open My Heart

#160 from "Sing A New Creation"

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

Readings for the Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 29: 15 – 28

Psalm 105: 1 – 11, 45c

Romans 8: 26– 39.

Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

8th Sunday after Trinity

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

St. Peter the Apostle, Elliot Lake, Gowan Gillmor Memorial Chapel, Sagamok, Spanish River

The Ven. Larry Armstrong, The Rev. Beth Topps Willems (Hon.)

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and

Leigh Crocker Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Sheila Douglas, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com
Weeds and wheat must grow together,
and the angels harvest the crop for eternal life.

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 787-0253 and we will get it sent out for you.

Reminder about Visitations:

Rev. Ann is continuing her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at:

rector@gatheringtable.ca



2023 Envelopes are now available at the back
A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2022 you will find a personalized box of 2023 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering

envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form.

E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: office@gatheringtable.ca and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden.

The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2023
July 23 – 29th, - **Intermediate Camp** (ages 10 – 12)

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, may do so by filling out the Gathering Table Booking Request Form that is available by calling the office at 345-6898 or by emailing the office at (office@gatheringtable.ca).

Calendar of Events

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| July 23 rd | Food Cupboard |
| July 23 rd | Intermediate Camp begins today |
| Aug. 13 th | Parish retreat at Camp Gitchigomee |
| Aug. 13 th | Food Cupboard |

Aug. 27th Food Cupboard

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

2023 Parishioner Parking Passes are available at the office Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon or on Sun. before church.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today.

Gathering Table - 1st Annual Family Camp
At Camp Gitchigomee - August 11 – 13, 2023
Fun, Fellowship, Worship All in God's beautiful creation.

Come out for an evening a day or the whole weekend.
Cost is by donation.

Cabin Accommodation available,
or bring your own tent or RV.

Meals:

Breakfast and Lunch –

Bring your own for yourself or family.

Supper – Community Supper

Car Pooling on request.

(talk to Rev. Ann or Jim Sutton for more information.)

Registration forms available at the back of the church.



Photo by Michael Wolfe



A Secret Pal Gift made by a camper.



Each camper and staff receive a log each year
These logs are hand cut, drilled, and painted different
colours for each camp, and staff ones have a symbol on
them of what job they did at camp.



Gathering Table

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19