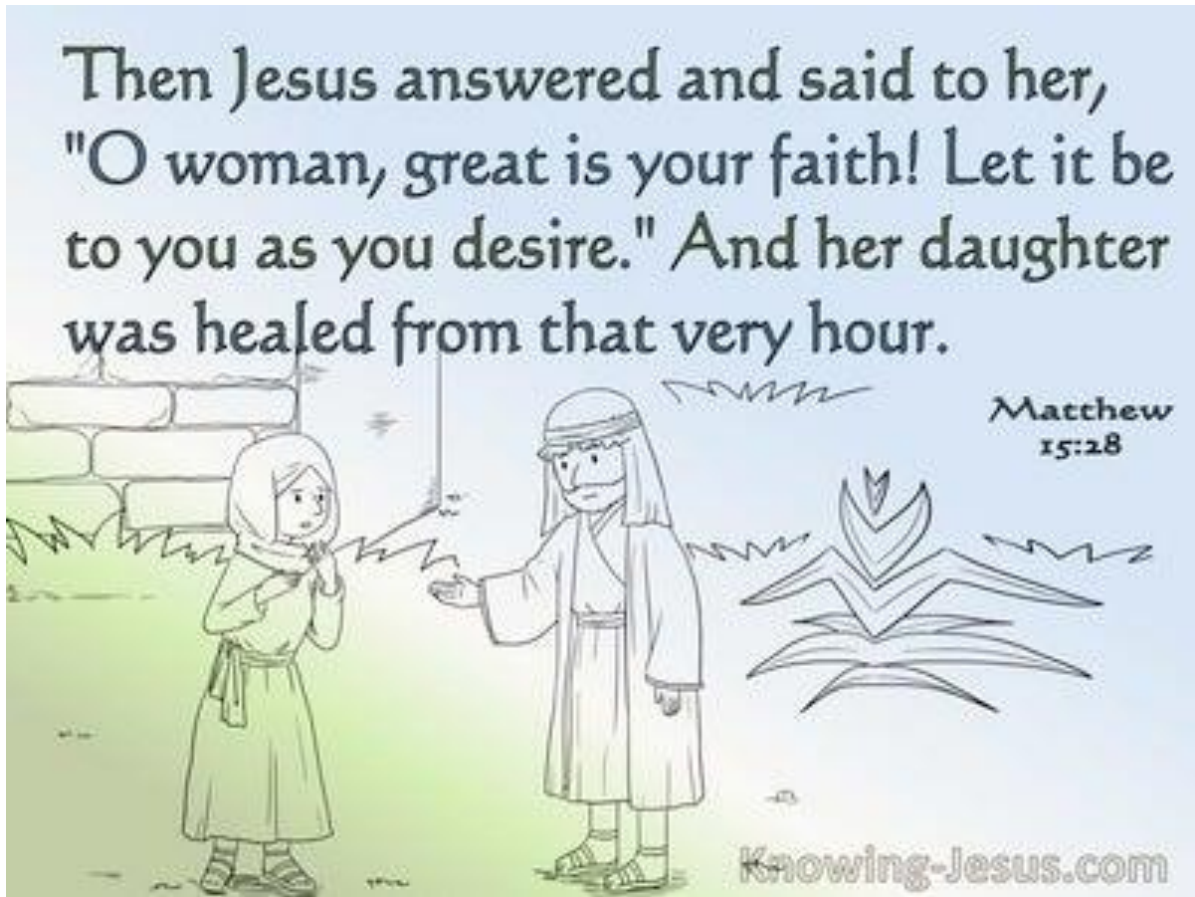


Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



12th Sunday of Pentecost

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Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber

Honorary Assistant: Rev. Gail Clifton

Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

Music: Nancy Wallace and GT Singers

Lectors: Erminie and David Reid

Eucharistic Assistant: Rose Jardine

Greeter: Colleen Speer

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

12th Sunday of Pentecost

August 20th, 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. We encourage "Masks" to be worn in accordance with the most recent COVID-19 Protocols from the Diocese of Algoma.

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.

Prelude: **Two Adagios**
from Toccata in C Minor by Georg Muffat.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people. *See Matthew 4.23*

Processional: **CP 300**
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

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, you have broken the tyranny
of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give
us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all

people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 45: 1 - 15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall

settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

Refrain: *How good it is for all to live together
in unity.*

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.

Refrain: How good it is for all to live together in unity.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Refrain: How good it is for all to live together in unity.

Psalm Prayer: *BAS page 891*
Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 11: 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **CP 430**

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 15: 10 – 28

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre

and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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*
*As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord,
saying, 'Lord, have mercy'.*

Lord, have mercy.

*Heavenly Father, draw your Church together into one
great company of disciples, together following our Lord
Jesus Christ, together serving him through our mission to
the world, and together witnessing to his love.*

For the whole people of God, that each one may be a true
and faithful servant of Christ and like Christ, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We give you thanks for the faithful servants you have

called and equipped to introduce people to You, to your love. We thank you, especially, for the people of Gathering Table who are gifted to live this Mission in their words and by their actions.

*We ask your continued blessings on those saints who live and work in areas of this world where Jesus is **not** known, or His name cannot be spoken publicly.*

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

As we lift before God the names of those we know are sick, suffering or bereaved, please add the names of those who are on YOUR heart:

[List will be read by Lay Reader] -----

We pray today for the many people who have been displaced from their homes by wildfires, internationally and here, in Canada. Lord, guide and protect Emergency Responders as they both rescue people and fight the fires. Comfort your people who have been forced from their homes and communities, and the many who have now lost even those things. Holy Spirit, be present with our brothers and sisters who have lost loved ones in this devastation. And, forgive us for what we have done to the

earth you created to sustain us.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, we lift before you the people of Thunder Bay who are unhoused, the destitute, and those who have nobody to care for them. Stir our hearts to share our abundance with those who are deprived and to cover each one with the same dignity you have given us.

Heavenly Father, grant us the faith, the love, the strength and the humility we need to achieve restoration of this land to the place where every person is freed to live in harmony with all our brothers and sisters.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to the true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

(I apologize in advance for mispronouncing it)

*Hinei mah tov mah Na-im shevet achim gam Yachad!
Oh how good and how pleasant it is for (brothers and sisters) to dwell together in unity!*

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 244**

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 4

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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: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their
being.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth
the human race, and blessed us with memory,
reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of
creation.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your
trust; and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages you reveal
your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us

the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

BAS page 211

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 #1

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Celebrant: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

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 87 Strengthen for Service, Lord

CP 74 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

CP 72 Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal God, we have received a token of
your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy
things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

Doxology

BAS Page 214

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.**

The 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:

Recessional Hymn: **CP 349**

All People that on Earth Do Dwell

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Postlude: **Allegro**

from Toccata in C Minor by Georg Muffat.

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 Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 1: 8 – 2:1....

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1 – 8 ...

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

11th Sunday after Trinity, The Church of England

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

Pray for our Territorial Archdeacons, Regional Deans, and Lay Deanery Officials in support of their ongoing responsibilities within the deaneries and to the Executive Committee of the Diocese.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Donna Phoenix, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Alex and Sarah, Evelyn, Emerson, and Elliott Pyne, David and Erminie Reid, William and Lillian Richmond, Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley, and Grace Dawson, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Kenneth and Irene Roy, Marlene Salmonson, David Semple

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

Persistence in prayer pleases God.

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.

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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| Aug. 27 th | Food Cupboard | Sept. 10 th | Food Cupboard |
| Sept. 19 th | Camp Gitchigomee Meeting 7 p.m. | | |
| Sept. 24 th | Harvest Thanksgiving and 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.

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

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.

Some photos from Gathering Table Camp Weekend





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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