



Gathering Table  
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost - National Thanksgiving**

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

*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**

I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15.16*

Processional Hymn: **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 built your Church  
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus  
Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us  
together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may  
become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

Children's Time: **Rev Ann Camber**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The First Reading from Exodus**

#### **Exodus 20: 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has

come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 19**

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Refrain:**     *The statutes of the Lord rejoice the heart.*

**Psalm Prayer:**

*BAS page 726*

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.     All: Amen.**

**Second Reading is from Philippians  
Philippians 3: 4b – 14**

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in

order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn:    **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 21: 33 – 46**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to



collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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.**

**Prayers of the people**

*Lay Reader*

**Litany 17 A Bidding Intercession**

*The leader should add particular intentions to each bidding. In the course of the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world,

for this gathering, for our bishop *N*,  
and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people  
is governed and sanctified.

Receive our supplications and prayers,  
which we offer before you  
for all members of your holy Church,  
that in our vocation and ministry  
we may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for peace,  
for goodwill among nations,  
and for the well-being of all people.

*Silence*

Almighty God,  
kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth,  
that justice and peace may increase,  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry,  
the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Gracious God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow,  
the strength of all who suffer,  
hear the cry of those in misery and need.  
In their afflictions show them your mercy,  
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them,  
for the sake of him who suffered for us,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I ask your prayers for the mission of the Church.  
Pray for the coming of God's kingdom  
among all nations and peoples.

*Silence*

O Lord our God,  
you have made all races and nations to be one family,  
and you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people.  
Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation,  
bring the nations of the world into your fellowship,  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

I ask your prayers for those who have died  
in the peace of Christ,  
and for those whose faith is known to God alone.  
Pray that God may be glorified in all his saints.

*Silence*

O God, the giver of eternal life,  
we give you thanks and praise

for the wonderful grace and virtue  
declared in all your saints.  
Grant to us, and to all who have died  
in the hope of the resurrection,  
a share in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and fulness of joy in the fellowship of all your saints.  
All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us give thanks to almighty God for all his goodness.  
*Silence*

You are worthy, O Lord our God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.  
**You are worthy to receive blessing and praise,  
now and for ever.**

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings 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:** God of truth, receive all we offer you this day.  
Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern  
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 5** *BAS Page 204*

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,  
for the gift of a world full of wonder,  
and for our life which comes from you.

By your power you sustain the universe.

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

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart,  
and to love each other as ourselves,  
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,  
you bring healing to our world  
and gather us into one great family.  
Therefore, with all who serve you  
on earth and in heaven,  
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,  
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us  
you showed us how much you love us.  
He cares for the poor and the hungry.  
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back  
but overcame hatred with love.  
On the cross  
he defeated the power of sin and death.  
By raising him from the dead  
you show us the power of your love



to bring new life to all your people.

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

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them,  
saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,  
and said, “Drink this, all of you:  
this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.”

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

Celebrant: Gracious God,  
with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves to you in him.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that we may know the presence of Jesus  
in the breaking of bread,  
and share in the life  
of the family of your children.

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

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants;  
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that all the world may gather in joy  
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,  
through Jesus, our Lord,  
in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 #3**

*BAS Page 212*

*Celebrant:* Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of  
wheat, whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**All:**           **So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your  
kingdom.**

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:   Almighty God, may we who have been  
strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast  
love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we  
celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the  
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.**

## **The Blessing:**

Keep in mind our giving and forgiving God, He created the good earth and blessed it. He gives us glad and generous hearts, that we may rejoice and give thanks for the abundance of His creation, the depths of His mercy, and His care for all and the blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you 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 Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost**

Exodus 32: 1 – 14...

Psalms 106: 1 – 6, 19 - 23

Philippians 4: 1 – 9

Matthew 22: 1 – 14

## **Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:**

*18th Sunday after Trinity*

### **The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East**

## **Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

### **Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod

**ELCIC/ACC** People and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:**

All members of our Executive Committee as they contemplate and deliberate over matters for the well-being of the entire diocese.

## **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

### **Please pray for our own church members**

Brock and Gail Marshall, Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Geoff and Katariina Medwid, Robert, Peter and Lillianna, Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne

Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Bethany O'Neill

**Please Pray For:** Our young people who are just starting, or going back to 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](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Words are the blossoms. Action the fruit.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@gatheringtable.ca)



Please contact the Altar Guild if you or your family would like to place flowers on the altar on a Sunday.

## **PWRDF WILD RIDE FOR REFUGE**

We will be doing a PWRDF Wild Ride walk for Refugee support on **Saturday afternoon October 21, 2023**. It is done in loving memory of long time deanery lay steward Dale Sparkes and **our team name is**

**“Thunder Bay-North Shore Sparkes”.**

**We gather at St Michael's in the parish hall at 1:15 to start at 1:30 pm.** You will get to meet St Michael's new incumbent Elizabeth Sipos. She will send us off with a blessing prayer to walk down Red River Road to Gathering Table. The distance is just under 4K and is mainly downhill toward the lake. We will stop briefly in the green space across from Waverly library to regroup. Some people may want to start their walk from there which is 1K to Gathering Table but we need to detour a bit to get to Pearl Street and around some construction so we should stick together from the Waverly green space. At Gathering Table there will be refreshments and a time for visiting. Gathering Table was Dale's parish and his widow Sharon will be there. She is very excited and shared some of the planning with folks at St John's Schreiber and some of them want to come down to Thunder Bay for the walk.

To get involved: Go to Wild Ride for Refugees on line

<https://www.canadahelps.org/s/nTnt39>

go directly to the page and scroll down to our team name "Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery Sparkes". This is how people can donate online using their credit card, mail in a cheque that is made out to PWRDF and clearly marked for donation to our Wild Ride team "Thunder Bay North Shore deanery Sparkes or place your cheque in the treasure chest at the back of the church. Our goal is

\$5,000 because this is PWRDF's yearly main fundraiser for refugee work around the world. ***People who donate \$200.00*** get a t shirt they can wear on the actual walk. ***There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. We are also looking for volunteers to help shuttle people back to St. Michael to get their cars after.***

Linda Rintamaki (rep) [linjrin@tbaytel.net](mailto:linjrin@tbaytel.net)



**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](mailto: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**

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the



hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898

### **Calendar of Events**

- Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard today  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday School resumes / Parish Pot Luck  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Ministry Display – Come show us what your Group has to offer.  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Rector’s Book Study via Zoom at 7 p.m.  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Food Cupboard Prep. 10 a.m. Parish Hall  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Gitchi – Gathering evening beginning with Supper 6 p.m. followed by some family fun  
See posters in the Parish Hall  
Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> PWRDF Wild Ride walk for Refugee support  
See Bulletin for details and Sign Up Sheet  
Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Food Cupboard  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 7 p.m. Zoom  
Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Rector’s Book Study via Zoom time pending  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Last day for “Christmas Bags” for Seafarers

**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

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**We gather at St Michael's in the parish hall at 1:15 to start at 1:30 pm.** You will get to meet St Michael's new incumbent Elizabeth Sipos. She will send us off with a blessing prayer to walk down Red River Road to Gathering Table. The distance is just under 4K and is mainly downhill toward the lake. We will stop briefly in the green space across from Waverly library to regroup. Some people may want to start their walk from there which is 1K to Gathering Table but we need to detour a bit to get to Pearl Street and around some construction so we should stick together from the Waverly green space. At Gathering Table there will be refreshments and a time for visiting. Gathering Table was Dale's parish and his widow Sharon will be there. She is very excited and shared some of the planning with folks at St John's Schreiber and some of them want to come down to Thunder Bay for the walk.

To get involved: Go to Wild Ride for Refugees on line <https://www.canadahelps.org/s/nTnt39> go directly to the page and scroll down to our team name

"Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery Sparkes". This is how people can donate online using their credit card, mail in a cheque that is made out to PWRDF and clearly marked for donation to our Wild Ride team "Thunder Bay North Shore deanery Sparkes or place your cheque in the treasure chest at the back of the church. Our goal is \$5,000 because this is PWRDF's yearly main fundraiser for refugee work around the world. ***People who donate \$200.00*** get a t shirt they can wear on the actual walk. ***There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall by the back door. We are also looking for volunteers to help shuttle people back to St. Michael to get their cars after.*** Linda Rintamaki (rep) [linjrin@tbaytel.net](mailto:linjrin@tbaytel.net)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898

### **Calendar of Events**

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| Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Open House at Mission to Seafarers 1:30 to 3 p.m. for details see bulletin notice |
| Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Rector’s Book Study via Zoom at 7 p.m.  |
| Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Blessing of Your Pets at 7 p.m.   |
| Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Food Cupboard Prep 10 a.m. Parish Hall  |
| Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Food Cupboard   |
| Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday School resumes / Parish Pot Luck   |
| Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup> | Ministry Display – Come show us what your   |

- Group has to offer.
- Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Rector's Book Study via Zoom at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Gitchi – Gathering evening beginning with Supper 6 p.m. followed by some family fun  
See posters in the Parish Hall
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> PWRDF Wild Ride walk for Refugee support  
See Bulletin for details and Sign Up Sheet
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Food Cupboard
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 7 p.m. Parish Hall
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Rector's Book Study via Zoom time pending
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Last day for "Christmas Bags" for Seafarers

**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 of the Sept. Oct. Nov. Issue

**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.

**Don't Forget to Sign Up for the  
GITCHI – GATHERING**

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6 p.m.  
RSVP to [office@gatheringtable.ca](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca) or call 807-345-6898 to let us know how many we are feeding.



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Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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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*