

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber
Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers & Djembe
Lectors: Carol Kostyniuk
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Greeter: Connie Bryson
Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 11th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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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.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the

back of the church, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

John 6.51

Opening Music: CP 177

A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord

Gathering of the Community

BAS page 185

All please stand, if able.

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 sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who is alive 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

First Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 18: 5 – 9, 15, 31 - 33

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The

king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

Refrain: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

Refrain: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Refrain: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Refrain: The Lord shall redeem us from all our sins.

Psalm Prayer: *BAS page 888*
**Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
.Amen.**

The Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to

those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **The Lorica**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 6: 35, – 41 - 51

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from

the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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,

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 with confidence to the Lord, saying, “*Lord hear our prayer.*”

Lord, hear our prayer.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise. We lift before you the ministry of Camp Gitchigomee as we transition from kids’ camps to group rentals, and to planning for the next camping season. May all who linger at the Camp and all who minister there be blessed with your presence and peace. We ask for your blessing on the Gathering Table Food Cupboard, all who minister there and all who seek aid here. Let the seeds of reconciliation and restoration and healing be planted through that work.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family. Help all nations of the world keep the peace and work together to draw us back from the dangers of aggressive nationalism, rampant consumption, overpopulation and climate change.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to look after your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide without damaging your creation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind. Give them restoration and rest, and the supports that they need both personally and professionally to continue their good work among those who are suffering.

We pray also for those in our church family who are in need of prayer, and any others on your heart and mind. *(Please speak those names aloud or in the quiet of your heart.)*

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair. We lift before your throne of grace especially the homeless or addicted here in Thunder Bay. Make a way for them, Lord, out of the Pit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, strength and courage to those who have or are caring for them, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single Peace. Let the healing power of your great love shine

on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

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: **When It's All Been Said And Done**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. 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 #5

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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,

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 #2

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Celebrant: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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: **Bread Of Life**
 He Will Hold Me Fast

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity
and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of
your life-giving Spirit. We ask this 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 than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God
from generation to generation, in the Church and
in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Go forth and live as Christ in the world. Speak and live
with integrity as you journey through this new week,
knowing that God will satisfy your every need and lead you
to a victorious life. **Amen.**

Announcements:

Closing Music: **O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

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 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2: 10 – 12, 3: 3 - 14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5: 15- 20

John 6: 51 - 58

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please Pray for: The Anglican Province of Rwanda and The Most Rev. Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop, and his wife, Chantal.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

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

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: St. Luke's Kingston, The Rev. Georgina Stewart, Priest in Charge.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, Angela

Alberta and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke, Scarlett, Olivia, and Arya, Margaret Aris, Darlene Armstrong, Errol Atkinson, Sabata Baya, Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Richard and Lesley BeauParlant, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett, Kerri and Shane Bernardi, and Samuel, Sydney Bernardi, Kim Bienvenue, Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone

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
Opening ourselves to the word of God,
we are gifted and graced with God's everlasting love?

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for **Sept., Oct., Nov., 2024**

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes date to be announced.
Youth Confirmations not till after youth retreat in August. If you are interested in ***Baptism or Confirmation***, please let Rev. Ann know.
rector@gatheringtable.ca

Scents, kitchen, allergies



For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:
Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept

of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.

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 (807) 697-0465 and we will get it sent to you.

Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: rector@gatheringtable.ca



2024 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 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 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.

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

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
Or call 807-345-6898

Calendar of Events

Aug. 11 th	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour
Aug. 16 – 18	Family Camp Weekend at Camp G.
Aug. 23 rd	Food Cupboard Prep
Aug. 24 th	Confirmation Service – 7 p.m.
Aug. 25 th	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour
Sept. 6 th	Food Cupboard Prep
Sept. 8 th	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour
Oct. 19 th	<i>Save the date:</i> Deanery Afternoon at St. Thomas Church from 1–4:30 p.m.

Camp Gitchigomee (on going fundraiser)

Help Kick Start our Generator Fundraiser

Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or twonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

Looking for Mowers We need volunteers willing to be “mowers” for our lawns during the summer. All are welcome. *If you know a high school teen who needs volunteer hours and you are willing to accompany them and do trimming that would be awesome as well.* We have an easy start mower, a gas powered trimmer which needs coaxing and training is available. Typically, the lawns would need to be cut twice a week during June and then only once a week the rest of the summer. We will make up a schedule as we go. Please contact a Warden or the Property Team.

PWRDF’S WIDE RIDE FOR REGUGEES

It is the third annual Wild Ride for Refugees campaign with a goal of raising \$65,000 to celebrate PWRDF’s 65 years of supporting displaced families globally. The deanery plans to support this campaign on Saturday, September 21st from 10 am to noon. It will have a cycling and walking component with refreshments at St. Paul’s Church. There will be a brief bike safety talk at St. Paul’s before the cyclers go to Vickers Park to join up with the walkers. Last year the deanery raised \$5,035 in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. Save the date. More information will be coming about how donations can

be made. *Linda Rintamaki rep (linjrin@tbaytel.net)*

Confirmation with the Bishop

Gathering Table

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Save The Date - Aug. 16 – 18, 2024

Church Family Camp at Camp Gitchigomee

See Jim Sutton to register.

Book a cabin, bring a tent, bring your trailer. Supper will be provided on the Saturday night. You are responsible for all your other meals, and snacks. The power will be on and the frigs will be available to keep your food cold, if you don't have a cooler. We have two BBQ's, and a big gas stove you can use. Suggest you bring your own family size pots, fry pan to cook with. Dishes are available in the dining hall.

Reminder: The camp is **NUT FREE**.

Come out to the camp for the weekend, the day, or a few hours



Go fishing



Sit on the beach – go for a swim



Enjoy the sunset



Hike to the point



Go canoeing

Cost for this weekend is by donation. Make any cheques payable to Gathering Table or e-transfer to office@gatheringtable.ca.

Interested? Here are some things we will need to know **by August 9** in order to plan the food, accommodations and rides.



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Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:7-8