



Gathering Table  
a Faith Community  
in the Anglican Church of Canada

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**Lectors:** Jim Bolt, Julia MacDougall  
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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of the Word - Morning Prayer**

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them, says the Lord. *John 6.56*

### **A Service of the Word 1 (SW1)**

*Please stand if able.*

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**People: Most merciful God, 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.**

Presider: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

### **Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

***All: 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**

**First Reading is from**

**1 Kings 2: 10 – 12, 3: 3- 14**

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been

before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

**PSALM 111**

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! they are studied by all who delight in them.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

His work is full of majesty and splendour, and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvellous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of

his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works in giving them the lands of the nations.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

***Refrain: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.***

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

**Psalm Prayer:**

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**Generous and bountiful God, give us grace always to thank you and share your gifts with others, that the world may be filled with the joy of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**Second Reading is from  
Ephesians 5: 15 – 20**

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**John***

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**John 6: 51 - 58**

*Reader: Brenda O'Neill*

Jesus said to the people, "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." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live





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

Let us pray for the peace of the world, praying especially for those places suffering from war and violence, praying particularly for the Middle East, and Ukraine: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for this country, and especially for King Charles, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development. We pray also for all those who work with children and young people as they help them to find their way in a complicated world. Give them all wisdom and strength.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the sick, remembering today those in on our hearts (either silently or aloud): the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

**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.**

Let us pray for those who are aging: Lord, look with mercy on all whose increasing years bring them isolation, distress, or weakness. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider:     **Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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

**All: 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.**

**Doxology:**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**A Blessing:**

May you walk with God this summer;  
whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walking with honesty and with courage,  
Walking with love and respect, and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer;

every day and in every situation.

Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation.  
Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times.  
Asking God's help in all your decisions.  
Expressing sorrow when you have failed.

May you talk and walk with God every day.  
Amen.

### **Announcements:**

**Dismissal:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10 – 11, 22 - 30

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

John 6: 56 - 69

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:** The Most Rev. Hosam Naoum, President Bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East and Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, and his wife, Rafa.

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

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC**

The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Bishop of

Mississippi, 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

**Diocese Of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray  
for:** St. John's Sunbury, The Ven. Bill Clarke, Priest in  
Charge.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:** Mary  
Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson, Murray  
Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Byce, David L Bythell,  
Rev. Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and  
Sheila Chisholm, Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah  
Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen  
and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman,  
Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins

**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](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)

Jesus – The bread of life!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

**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](mailto:office@gatheringtable.ca)  
Or call 807-345-6898



## **Calendar of Events**

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| Aug. 18               | Family Camp Weekend at Camp G. – not to<br>Late to take a drive out for the afternoon   |
| Aug. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Funeral for Dorothy Nesbitt 11 a.m.   |
| Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep  |
| Aug. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Confirmation Service – 7 p.m.   |
| Aug. 25 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour   |
| Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep  |
| Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour   |
| Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b><i>Save the date:</i></b> Deanery Afternoon at<br>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 21<sup>st</sup> 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)*

The third annual Wild Ride launched on June 20. Our goal is to raise \$65,000 to mark PWRDF's 65 years of accompanying displaced families around the world. The campaign runs until October 9 (Thanksgiving Day). Turn your favourite activity into a fundraiser! Whether you love cycling, baking, walking, or reading, you're invited to participate and support our partners working with refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Join our PWRDF community of nine teams and 23 participants who have signed up and already raised \$5,265 for the cause. Let's make a world of difference together!



To David and Erminie for the clean up in the flower beds,  
and to David for staining the front doors, and the  
bathroom paint job.



**Gathering Table**

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**Lay Readers:**

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine, Brenda O’Neill,

Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

Rector’s Warden:                      David Reid

People’s Warden:                      Brenda O’Neill

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