



Gathering Table  
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

**Preacher and Celebrant:** Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

**Lay Reader:** Rose Jardine

**Music:** Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers & Djembe

**Lector:** Carol Kostyniuk

**Eucharistic Assistants:** Alex and Sylvia Kostecki

**Greeter:** Volunteers Please

**Altar Guild:** Audrey Love

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Season of Creation 2

Act in Solidarity with the Poor

Accession Day of HM King Charles 111

September 8<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.

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

Opening Music: **CP 384** (V 1,2,6)  
**Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

**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 for Season of Creation 2**

Celebrant: Gracious God, the air sings with songs of  
glory, water flashes silver with creation, and the forests  
bloom with leaves for healing nations. May your light and

love fill our hearts and souls and minds, that we may share your abundant grace with the world. **All: Amen**

Children's Time:           **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **The First Reading from the Book of Proverbs**

#### **Proverbs 22: 1 – 2, 8 – 9, 22 – 23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 125**

***Refrain: Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.***

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

***Refrain: Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.***

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

***Refrain: Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.***

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

***Refrain: Those who trust in the Lord stand fast for ever.***

**Psalm Prayer**

*BAS Page 885*

**Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, or be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever. Amen**

**The Second Reading is from The Letter of James  
James 2: 1 - 17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus

Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of

you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Gradual:      **CP 482**      *(V 1,2,3)*  
**Come And Journey With A Saviour**

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

**ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Mark 7: 24 - 37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man





**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  
Litany 4**

*Lay Reader  
BAS page 113*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord hear and have mercy.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: You have created us in your own image, reveal through us your beauty and holiness. Help us to be salt and light that attracts others to you.

We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: that you will fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: Be the foundation of all our relationships. Give us minds to think and hearts to love.

We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: For those who are brave and courageous,

patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: I invite you to lift before our Heavenly Father the names of those who are on your heart today; those who are sick, suffering, bereaved, those who struggle and those who fail.

I will read our list as you speak yours.....

For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: We are blessed to live in this country, privileged to gather here freely to worship you. You have granted incredible abundance that gives us access to education and employment for all men and women, and gives us social nets for help in less fortunate times. We give You thanks, and pray for continued restoration of our economy, our daily food, for our homes and families and friends.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, especially King Charles III, Prime Minister Trudeau, Premiere Ford, and Mayor Boshkoff and Chief Solomon. Holy Spirit, build in them a heart for your people, so that their governance will

favour peace, justice and truth.

We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

Help us to become better stewards of the wealth and bounty you have given. Help us to see where that wealth lies: in our hands, on the table, in our surroundings, our homes and in this humble and holy place.

May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

LAY READER: And then, Lord, help us to open the door wider, open our arms and our hearts wider, to invite in those who are burdened, and those who are whole, to remember that Your ways are higher than ours. You are the source of all that is gracious in this people, may our actions reveal You.

May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

***ALL: Lord, hear and have mercy.***

**ALL: Build us into the body that you want us to be, so that we may in turn bless you as we worship in unity of spirit. 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: **Look Up And See Jesus Come**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

**Celebrant:** Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **All: Amen**

## **Receiving Holy Communion**

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

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

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Eucharistic Prayer # 1—**

*BAS Page 193*

**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 indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When

we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

*Patrick Schlabs*

*Celebrant* Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **All: 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 #2**

*BAS Page 212*

*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:

**CP 292      We Cannot Measure How You Heal  
Have Mercy On Me**

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: Father, your word and sacrament give us  
food and life. May we who have shared in holy things  
bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus  
Christ the Lord. **All:      Amen.**

**Doxology**

*BAS Page 214*

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:      **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

Announcements:

Closing Music:      **CP 408**      *(Omit V 3)*  
**Wind Upon The Waters**

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !**

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

**Readings for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Pr 1: 20 – 33 ..... Psalm 19 or Wisdom 7:26 – 8:1 as a canticle

James 3: 1 – 12 .....

Mark 8: 27 – 38

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please Pray for:** The Diocese of the Southeast (REC), Bishop William White and his wife, Gail; and Bishop Willie Hill and his wife and his wife, Gale.

**Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :**

**Please Pray for:**

**ACC:** The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon

**ELCIC** The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod

**Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:** The Lay Readers of the Diocese as they participate in their conference hosted by the Deanery of Muskoka and for the ministries of all Lay Readers in the parishes,

deaneries, and diocese.

### **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:** Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek and Denise Jetten, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, David and Joan Knudson, Alex and Sylvia KostECKi, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Colin Laraway, Lisa Long, Neil and Audrey Love, Paul Love. Julia MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel

**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)

How much of an impact does Christ have on your life.

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

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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| Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour   |
| Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m.  |
| Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup> | West Thunder Bay Spaghetti Dinner<br>See below for details                |
| Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m. Gathering Table – Everyone welcome to attend |
| Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup> | Food Cupboard Prep  |
| Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup> |   |
| Sept. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Food Cupboard and Harvest Thanksgiving                                    |
| Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Parish Advisory Council 7 p.m. Zoom                                       |

- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Deanery Men's Breakfast – Gathering Table  
9:30 a.m. Tickets \$15 – See Jim or Dave  
Guest Speakers – see below
- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen's Turkey Dinner – see below
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Deanery Council 9:30 a.m. St. Michael's
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> ***Save the date:*** Deanery Afternoon at  
St. Thomas Church from 1–4:30 p.m.

### **West Thunder Bay's Delicious Spaghetti Supper**

Rosslyn Community Centre 4 – 6 p.m. – Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>

Adults \$15 / 6 – 12 years \$5. / 5 and under Free

**Take out – bring your own containers**

### **Deanery Men's Breakfast – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee on at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:45 a.m.

Guest Speakers Jessie McFadden and Ryan Mackett

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

Tickets \$15 from Jim or Dave

### **St. Stephen's Church Turkey Dinner**

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Adults \$27 (Sept. 22 deadline for tickets)

Jeff 807-621-7418 or 807-683-6051 Leave Message

*Held at Current River Rec Centre*

### **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.

## **Wild Ride for Refugees**

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 will support this campaign on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 from 10 am to noon. It will have a cycling and walking component with refreshments at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 11 am. There will be a brief bike safety talk at St. Paul's garden at 10 am before the cyclers go to Vickers Park to join up with the walkers. The walkers initially meet at Vickers Park at 10:30 am. Archdeacon Deborah Kraft will give a blessing at the park. Then the walkers and cyclists proceed to meet at 11 am at St. Paul's Church. Last year the deanery raised \$5,035 in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. Save the date and participate! To make donations to this worthwhile cause please write a cheque to PWRDF with Wild Ride for Refugees in the memo line and place in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church.

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

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**Share your veggies and fruit  
Drop off to church during office hours,  
or on Sat. Sept. 21 at 10 a.m.**



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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