

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher and Celebrant: Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill; GT Singers & Djembe

Lector: Julia MacDougall, Sheila Chisholm

Eucharistic Assistants: Dave and Erminie Reid

Greeter: Mary Ripley, Elaine McKinnon

Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation 4 - Harvest Thanksgiving

September 22nd, 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.

God has called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

See 2 Thessalonians 2.14

Opening Music: **CP 259**

For The Fruit Of All Creation

Gathering of the Community

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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 Harvest Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have created the heavens
and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to
discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with
reverence and thanksgiving; 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: **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 31: 1 – 31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household,

and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

Refrain: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

Refrain: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, nor the sinner in the council of the

righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Refrain: Happy are they who trust in the Lord.

Psalm Prayer

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Giver of life, save us from the desert of faithlessness and nourish us with the living water of your word, that we may bring forth fruit that will last, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

The Second Reading is from The Letter of James

James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7 – 8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes

and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Planted By The Waters**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Mark 9: 30 - 37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes

Wednesday afternoon. May God's healing, restoring spirit be ever present.

Thanksgiving Litany

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

We thank you, Lord

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,

We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

We thank you, Lord.

Today we give thanks especially for farmers who grow our food

We thank you, Lord.

For Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

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: **Before You I Kneel**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake 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 # 1—

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Celebrant: It is 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

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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

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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 and made into this 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: **The Cup Of Life Outpoured
For The Beauty Of The Earth
Take Up Your Cross**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our 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: **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

Announcements:

Closing Music: **CP 417**
Let's Sing Unto The Lord

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 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28: 10 - 17.

Psalm 103: 19 - 22

Revelation 12: 7 - 12

John 1: 47 - 51

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please Pray for: The Anglican Province of Myanmar and The Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop, and his wife, Nan.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People

TOGETHER

Every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation

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

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

*Jesus tells you to be last of all and **servant** to all.*

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. 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

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| Sept. 22 nd | Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour with Marilyn and Al Chisholm |
| Sept. 24 th | Parish Advisory Council 7 p.m. Zoom |
| Sept. 28 th | Deanery Men’s Breakfast – Gathering Table
9:30 a.m. Tickets \$15 – See Jim or Dave |
| Sept. 28 th | St. Stephen’s Turkey Dinner – see below |
| Sept. 29 th | Please wear your Orange Shirt |

Oct. 5th Deanery Council 9:30 a.m. St. Michael's
 Oct. 6th Mission to Seafarers Open House -see below
 Oct. 9th Sleepy G Farm
 Oct. 19th **Save the date:** Deanery Afternoon at
 St. Thomas Church
 Oct. 23rd Sleepy G Farm
 Oct. 26th Wedding
 Oct. 26th St. Thomas Church Tea
 Oct. 26th Gitchi-Gathering – watch for details soon
 Nov. 16th Lay Readers and EA Breakfast and Training

Deanery Men's Breakfast – Sept. 28th

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

Sept. 29th , 2024

Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m. Saint Michael and All Angels Day
 National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday
 National Police, EMS Day

Wear your Orange Shirt to Church

Mission to Seafarers Centre Open House

1:30 – 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2024

You are invited to come and join us for a light lunch If you know someone who might be interested in volunteering, this is a good opportunity to check the Centre out as people are needed to staff the Seafarers' Centre and drive the van. The Centre is located at Keefer Terminal, 100 Main St., just follow the Harbour Expressway east until

you get to Keefer Terminal. Parking is available outside the Keefer Terminal gate. We have been ministering to seafarers in the Port of Thunder Bay since 1962.

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.

PWRDF WILD RIDE

The Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery participated in the PWRDF Wild Ride for Refugees on Sept.21, 2024. This event was in support of refugees and internally displaced persons worldwide. It is not too late to support this worthwhile cause as **cheques will be accepted until Oct. 15th** . To make donations please **write a cheque to PWRDF Wild Ride for Refugees and in the memo line write Team Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery**. Place in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church. *Linda Rintamaki rep (linjrin@tbaytel.net)*

Gitchi – Gathering – Coming Soon

Saturday, October 26th, 2024

6:45 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Location to be announced soon

Games and Snacks

Wear a costume if you want
(no witches or devils please)



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Lay Readers:

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Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

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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