

**Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada**

Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Lisa Long

Lectors: Jim Sutton, Audrey Love

Guest Organist: Stuart Chisholm
GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants:

Linda Rintamaki, David Reid, Kim Bienvenue - Choir

Greeters: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

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 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 good shepherd, says the Lord:
I know my own and my own know me. *John 10.14*

Opening Music:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

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 the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: O God of peace, who brought again from the
dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the
sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us
perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us

that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

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

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from the Book of Acts

Acts 2: 42 – 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me

beside still waters.

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

REFRAIN The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

Psalm Prayer:

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Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever.

All: Amen.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Peter
1 Peter 2: 19 – 25**

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **CP 519**
The Lord' My Shepherd

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 10: 1 – 10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another

way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed –

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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
Litany #5**

*Lay Reader
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(Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, hear our prayer.”)
Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the peace of the world: 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 Queen Elizabeth, 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.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: 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.

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.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Offertory: **CP 378**
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. *All: Amen*

Receiving Holy Communion

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

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist
Eucharistic Prayer #5 *BAS Page 204*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

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

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, Holy Lord God of hosts
Heav-en- and earth
are full of Your glo-ry
Ho-san-na in the high-est
Bless-ed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord
*Ho-san-na in the high-est***

Sarah Hart

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 #8

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Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: ***Now we are raised to new life.***

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy, mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy, mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world
grant us, grant us peace.

Sarah Hart

Communion Music:

CP 84 Lord Enthroned I Heavenly Splendour

CP 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **All: Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

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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 now, as people of the resurrection. Go, knowing that Christ has conquered death. Go, knowing that whatever may happen in your life this week, God is with you and Christ will bring you safely through. **Amen.**

**Closing Music: CP 384 V 1 – 3, 6
Praise to the Lord, The Almighty**

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Announcements:

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7: 55 – 60

Psalm 31: 1 – 5, 15 – 16

1 Peter 2: 2 - 10;

John 14: 1 - 14

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: (Holy Trinity, Jocelyn; St. George, Echo Bay; The Chapel of the Intercession, Llewellyn Beach) The Ven. Dawn

Hendersonm, The Rev. Elizabeth Kingston (Deacon Associate) **Vocations to ordained ministry.**

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron

ELCIC The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

TOGETHER For our full communion partner churches
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based Episcopal Church (TEC)

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane Hartley, Irene Humby, Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek Jetten, Denise Jetten, Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen, Alex Kostecki, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Walter and Barbara Kutcher

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Listen for the voice of the good shepherd
who genuinely cares for us.

Camp Gitchigomee Dates for 2026

July 5th – 11th, Senior Camp (Ages 13 – 16)

July 12 – 18th , Junior Camp (Ages 7 – 9)

July 19th - 25th , Intermediate Camp (Ages 10 – 12)

Bursaries are available through the generous donations from the Anglican Foundation, and Salvation Army Send a Kid to Camp . Talk to Melanie Gottfred, Roberta Wolfe, Jim Sutton for more information on the camp and bursaries.



Taken this past weekend

Meat Sale Fund-raiser

Your assistance in promoting our annual Meat Sale would be appreciated. We are pleased with the product and it supports European Meats, a Thunder Bay business, and people have spoken well of its quality. The Mission to Seafarers Annual Meat Sale is here again. The meat is from European Meats, is of excellent quality and gluten free.

Prices are on www.missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 30

and will be delivered on Wednesday, May 14. Contact your MTS Congregation Rep or the Mission at 807-344-8241 or flyingangel@tbaytel.net for further information. Please help support our ministry to the seafarers.

COFFEE HOURS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Let us know, if you might like to help out. Maybe you would like to provide a brick of cheese, or some boxes of cookies or crackers. Just leave them in the kitchen, Cheese in the frig marked for Coffee Hour.

**Coffee Hour Hosts today are
Carol and Colleen**

Available from the Office

2026 Parishioner parking passes (\$10.00)

Available at the back of the church on the shelf

Our Daily Bread for June, July and August 2026

2026 Offering Envelopes are available

Prayer Requests

Prayer is important at Gathering Table:

Personal prayer is available after each Sunday service. Contact Rev. Ann, Frances Bennett-Sutton or the office if you would like to add prayers to the Intercessory prayers during the service.

SUNDAY PRAYER

Personal prayer is available after each Sunday Service, let Rev. Ann or one of the Lay Readers know that you would like *Intercessory prayer* that day, and come to one of the front pews after the service ends. Each Sunday, you can

add prayer request to the list at the back of the church. Look for the blue bowl and the iron cross. The Lay Reader will add those prayers during the prayers of the people. If you wish, you can put a glass pebble into the basket to represent a prayer for yourself, or some else or the world.

Reminder about Nut Allergies - This is a reminder to make sure all Coffee Hour items you bring or donate are **“Nut Free Please”**. Our Sunday School has started, and we want to keep our children “Safe”.

Calendar of Events

Apr. 26 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Apr. 28 th	Parish Advisory Council (PC) 7 P.M.
Apr. 28 th	Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m GT
April 30 th	MTS Meat Sales due Today
May 1 st	Camp Gitchigomee Log Painting
May 2 nd	Card Making Workshop – See Ellen
May 4 – 8	Rev. Ann away at Clergy School
May 8 th	Food Cupboard Prep
May 8 th	Gitchi-Gathering 5:30 p.m. @ Gathering Table
May 9 th	Felting Class – see Frances Bennett-Sutton
May 10 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
May 14 th	MTS Meat Sales Pick Up – See Marg. Boone
May 16 th	Men’s Breakfast
May 19 th	Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m.
May 22 nd	Food Prep
May 24 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
May 26 th	Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m.

**Hilldale Lutheran Church Pancake Brunch -
Monday Morning from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. See Poster.**



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Rector's Warden: David Reid

Deputy Rector's Warden: Audrey Love

People's Warden: Brenda O'Neill

Deputy People's Warden: Murray Butler

Music Director: Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2026

Ephesians 3: 17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”