

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

Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton

Lectors: Eleanor Bennett, David Reid

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill

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Greeters: John Kirchen, Sharon Sparkes

Altar Guild: Elaine McKinnon

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 5th , 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 way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, but by me. *John 14.6*

Opening Music: **CP 516** **(V 1-3)**
 Dear Lord, We Long To See Your Face

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 the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the
way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one
another and walk in the way of his commandments, who
lives 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 is from the Book of Acts

Acts 7: 55 – 60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 31: 1 – 5, 15 - 16

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

Psalm Prayer:

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Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul
1 Peter 2: 2 – 10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual:

CP 569

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 14: 1 – 14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works

that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Lay Reader

God of all Creation, thank you for gathering us together at this time and in this space. We remember that you know each of us by name, and as “siblings” in Christ, we belong to each other. Thank you for calling us your Beloved.

Together: Thank-you for calling us your Beloved.

Thank-you that your Grace gives birth to all things. We acknowledge that in the beginning, you breathed life into dust and fashioned us in your image: a diversity of expressions, a diversity of gifts, calling each one good, beloved, enough.

Together: Thank-you for calling us your Beloved.

God of Love, hear the cry of those who yearn for love: fractured families, broken homes neglected, unwanted, alone. God of Love

Together: Hear our prayer

God of Justice, hear the cry of those who yearn for justice: the persecuted and oppressed, the exploited, the ill-treated, the broken. God of Justice

Together: Hear our prayer

God of Peace, hear the cry of those who yearn for peace: in battle zones and in broken countries; the frightened, the fearful, the anxious. God of Peace

Together: Hear our prayer

God of Healing, hear the cry of those who yearn for healing: the sick, the weak, the anxious and depressed, the addicted. God of Healing

Together: Hear our prayer

God of Mercy, hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy and those in need of your Grace: the contrite, the humble, the broken. God of mercy

Together: Hear our prayer

God of Inspiration, hear the cry of your church yearning To see your Face. Through your Spirit, help us be agents of your Love, of your Justice, of your Peace, of your Healing, of your Mercy, God of Inspiration

Together: 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: **Cry Of The Oppressed**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 #2

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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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

**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

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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 from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.***

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:

**I Will Say
Wonderful, Merciful, Saviour
Take Up Your Cross**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of love, in this eucharist we have heard
your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in
your way, 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**

"May the Lord grant you peace. His love may shine down
and meet every need. Your feet may be kept from
stumbling, and your eyes may be fixed on the mark, on the
prize. As you go, rest in Christ. **Amen.**

Closing Music: **Be Unto Your Name**

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17: 22 – 31

Psalm 66: 7 – 18

1 Peter 3: 13 – 22

John 14: 15 – 21

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: Island Parish of Manitoulin (All Saints, Gore Bay; St. John the Evangelist, Kagawong; St. Paul's, Manitowaning; St. Francis of Assisi, Mindemoya; Holy Trinity, Little Current)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : **Please Pray for:**

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Rod BrantFrancis, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee

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

MOR The Rt. Rev. Michael Johnson, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Lisa Long, Audrey Love, Paul Love. Julia MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, Collette Makinen, Jeanne McAlpine-Marler, Ian and Virginia McEwen, Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay, Donald and Elaine McKinnon, Joanne McMahan, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Trust in uncertainty, remember Jesus is the way.

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.

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
Marilyn Chisholm and Friends

Available from the Office
2026 Parishioner parking passes (\$10.00)

Available at the back of the church on the shelf
Our Daily Bread for March, April and May 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

May 3rd Coffee Hour and Confirmation Class

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| May 4 – 8 | Rev. Ann away at Clergy School |
| May 8 th | Food Cupboard Prep |
| May 8 th | Gitchi-Gathering 6 p.m. @ Gathering Table |
| May 9 th | Felting Class – see Frances Bennett-Sutton |
| May 10 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| May 12 th | Video Study 1:30 – 3 p.m. Parish Hall
Book Study – See Lisa Long for details |
| May 14 th | MTS Meat Sales Pick Up – See Marg. Boone |
| May 16 th | Men’s Breakfast |
| May 17 th | Coffee Hour / Confirmation Classes |
| May 19 th | Video Study 1:30 – 3 p.m. Parish Hall |
| May 19 th | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m. |
| May 21 st | Book Study – See Lisa Long for details |
| May 22 nd | Food Prep |
| May 24 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| May 26 th | Video Study 1:30 – 3 p.m. Parish Hall |
| May 26 th | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. |
| May 28 th | Book Study – Lisa Long for details |
| May 31 st | Coffee Hour / Confirmation Classes |

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

Confirmation Classes for May

May 3rd, 17th, 31st
During Coffee Hour

Creekside Gift Card Clay Fundraiser


Gift Cards for \$20 or \$50
Deadline: June 15 or Early Bird Sign up May 15th
See Roberta for the sign up sheet.

Honour Gathering

In Remembrance. In Healing Together.

All are welcome to join in this day of reflection and connection.


Saturday, May 23, 2026 ~ 1 PM - 5 PM
• 90 Anemki Drive •



We invite community members to gather in honour of Residential School Survivors and children who never made it home.

Together, we walk the land, remembering those lost, supporting one another, and carrying their stories forward.

St. Joseph's Indian Residential School Survivor Project & SJIRS SURVIVOR COUNCIL




Red Dress Day

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Please join us in honouring and raising awareness for **Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls** with a memorial walk.



Attendees are encouraged to bring a folding chair, dress according to weather conditions & wear red.

Tobacco offerings will be provided. For those unable to attend in Thunder Bay, please put your semma down and hold MMIWG and their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

TIME: 5 - 6:30 pm
LOCATION: 523 Algoma Street South
Opening remarks & prayers - Elder John Gagnon
Matawa Drum Group
Coffee, tea & light snack and PPE provided



Join us on Tuesday, May 5th for our annual walk to remember MMIWGSS+ individuals.

Please submit names of loved ones to be read aloud as part of the ceremony using this MS Form.





FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATION RED DRESS WALK

Tuesday, May 5th, 2026
4:30pm - 6:30pm at the Youth Centre



A Community walk in honour of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two-Spirit.

We wear Red for remembrance & advocacy.

There will be lightsnacks & refreshments.



Fort William First Nation



Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 3 PM

National Day of Awareness for MMIW Walk & Vigil

Marina Park Dr, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

This event is being promoted by the **Deanery Missional Objective: Build indigenous partners** committee.

Please wear your Deanery Shirt, if you have one. The committee is endeavouring to have red shirt pins for you to wear.

Please confirm attendance to: sjcorston@gmail.com

This Event is being hosted by **Beendigen**

Marina Park Dr, Thunder Bay, ON, Canada

Beendigen and Shelter House are hosting a memorial walk, vigil, and feast in honour of Red Dress Day on **May 5th starting at 3:00 pm..**

Join us for the walk around the marina followed by a feast at the Baggage Building Art Centre (on the Marina grounds, beside the Skate Park).

We will meet at Celebration Circle (by the boat launch) and to begin our walk.



Gathering Table

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Lay Readers

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,
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Lay Reader in Training: Lisa Long

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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.”