

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

Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill

Lectors: Julia MacDougall, Erminie Reid

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants:

Linda Rintamaki, Audrey Love, Rose Jardine

Greeters: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter
National Mother's Day**

May 10th , 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 center 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

we can desire; 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: **Rev. Ann Camber**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from the Book of Acts

Acts 17: 22 – 31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown God.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people

everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 66: 7 – 18

Refrain: ***Be joyful in God, all you lands.***

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

Refrain: ***Be joyful in God, all you lands***

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Refrain: ***Be joyful in God, all you lands***

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke

with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor
Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands

Psalm Prayer: *BAS page 788*
God of power and might, you bring your people out of darkness and slavery into light and freedom through the waters of salvation. Receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and keep us always in your steadfast love through Jesus Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

**Second Reading is from The First Letter of Peter
1 Peter 3: 13 - 22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is

good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **All Things New**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 14: 15 - 21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time of Silent Reflection

Stewardship Presentation: *David Reid - Warden*

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

Based on Litany #5

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development. We pray also for all those who work with children and young people and help them

to find their way in a complicated world. Give them wisdom and strength.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this parish and all who worship here, for wisdom to follow your way and discernment of your wishes throughout the year.

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: **Wonderful, Merciful Saviour**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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***

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.

Communion Music:

**Open My Eyes
Trinity Song
Hallelujah Is Our Song**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, equip you with all good things to do his will. May the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, abide with you and guide you, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you always.

Closing Music: **Welcome, Happy Morning**

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 6 – 14

Psalm 68: 1 – 10, 33 - 36

1 Peter 4: 12 – 14, 5: 6 - 11

John 17: 1 – 11

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: Parish of the Good Shepherd/Almaguin (Good Shepherd, Emsdale; St John's, Eagle Lake; St. George the Martyr, Magnetawan) The Rev. Catherine Murkin, The Rev. Canon Edna Murdy (Hon – Emsdale)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara

ELCIC Bishop Ali Tote, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod

MOR The Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Scott Naida, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Gail Pell, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Karen Plimpton, Donna Phoenix, Sandro Ponzanetti, Alex and Sarah, Evelyn, Emerson, Elliott and Edaline Pyne, David and Erminie Reid, William and Lillian Richmond

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

We are motivated by love and gratitude
when living a life of following Jesus.

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
Volunteers**

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.

Calendar of Events

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| 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 13 th | MTS Meat Sales Pick Up – See Marg. Boone |
| May 16 th | Men's Breakfast |
| May 17 th | Coffee Hour / Confirmation Classes |

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| 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 22 nd | Camp Gitchigomee Log Painting 6:30 p.m. |
| May 23 rd | Alongside Hope Youth Council 5:30 p.m. –
8:30 p.m. Gathering Table Parish Hall |
| 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. Parish
Hall |
| May 28 th | Book Study – Lisa Long for details |
| May 31 st | Coffee Hour / Confirmation Classes |
| June 7 th | Retirement Celebration for Pastor Matthew
at Our Saviour's Lutheran after church till
2 p.m. |
| June 7 th | Church Picnic indoors |
| June 12 th | Food Prep |
| June 14 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| June 21 st | Coffee Hour |
| June 28 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |

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

Confirmation Classes for May
May 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
Use the Sign-up sheet in hall / or call the office



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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.”