



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

**Officiant:** Rev. Ann Camber

**Preacher:** Lisa Long

**Lay Reader:** Kim Bienvenue

**Lectors:** Jim Sutton, Brenda O'Neill

**Music:** Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

**Eucharistic Assistants:** Alex Kostecki, Audrey Love,  
Lisa Long (choir)

**Greeters:** John Kirchen, Elaine McKinnon

**Altar Guild:** Lisa Long

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
and Ascension Sunday**

May 17<sup>th</sup> , 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*



all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, 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 1: 1 – 11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were

watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

**Psalm 47**

**Refrain:**     *God has gone up with a shout.*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

**Refrain:**     *God has gone up with a shout.*

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**Refrain:**     *God has gone up with a shout.*

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king,  
sing praises.

***Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.***

For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your  
skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

***Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.***

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the  
people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly  
exalted.

***Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.***

**Psalm Prayer:**

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**God our strength, your power is for peace, and the  
pride of your mighty acts secures the city of the  
humble. Teach us to put our trust in your  
salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***All: Amen.***

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to The  
Ephesians**

**Ephesians 1: 15 - 23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love  
toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to  
give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I  
pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of

glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gradual:      **You've Joined Our Hearts**

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

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

**Luke 24: 44 - 53**

Jesus said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand

the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: **Lisa Long**

*Lay Reader*  
*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 #15 Easter**

*Lay Reader*  
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(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, “Hear us, Lord of glory!”)

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

***Hear us, Lord of glory!***

### **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: **He Will Keep You**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; 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 #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:

**Bringer Of The Kingdom  
Listen To The Words  
Hallelujah Is Our Song**

**Prayer After Communion**

Celebrant: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news *we proclaim; through 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: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Based on Ephesians 1:17-19

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. May the eyes of your heart have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers! Go with God!

Closing Music:

**Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies**

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 Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2: 1 – 21

Psalm 104: 25 – 35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13,

John 20: 19 - 23

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: St.**

Thomas', Bracebridge, Lake of Bays Parish. The Rev. Phelan Scanlon. Please pray for the retired clergy in your deanery. Pray for Jerusalem and the Holy Land: that in this place and throughout the world, the Body of Christ may have unity and peace.

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

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| <b>ACC:</b>  | The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario |
| <b>ELCIC</b> | The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod                     |
| <b>MOR</b>   | The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province            |

## **Our Parish Cycle of Prayer**

**Please pray for our own church members:** Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley, Lloyd Roe, Janel Wapoose, Louise Wapoose, Terra Roe, Kianna Roe, Arabella Roe, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Irene Roy, Douglas Semple, , Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, , Shirley Siipola, Stacey Small, Jay Smith, Michelle Sovereign De Luca, Jace and Sophia DeLuca

A grace note from [www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com](http://www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com)  
Trust in God's timing and plan.

### **Camp Gitchigomee Dates for 2026**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Senior Camp ( Ages 13 – 16 )

July 12 – 18<sup>th</sup> , Junior Camp ( Ages 7 – 9 )

July 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> , 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 Volunteers**

I hope That will help Clean Up.

## **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, 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 17 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Hour / Confirmation Classes      |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Video Study 1:30 – 3 p.m. Parish Hall   |
| May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m.            |
| May 21 <sup>st</sup> | Book Study – See Lisa Long for details  |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Food Prep                               |
| May 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Camp Gitchigomee Log Painting 6:30 p.m. |

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| May 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Alongside Hope Youth Council 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Gathering Table Parish Hall               |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard  |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Video Study 1:30 – 3 p.m. Parish Hall  |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Parish Hall   |
| May 28 <sup>th</sup>  | Book Study – Lisa Long for details   |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>  | Coffee Hour / Confirmation Classes   |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Retirement Celebration for Pastor Matthew at Our Saviour's Lutheran after church till 2 p.m. |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Church Picnic indoors  |
| June 12 <sup>th</sup> | Food Prep  |
| June 14 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard  |
| June 21 <sup>st</sup> | Coffee Hour  |
| June 28 <sup>th</sup> | 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> *During Coffee Hour*

**Creekside Gift Card Clay Fundraiser**

Gift Cards for \$20 or \$50

Deadline: June 15 or **Early Bird Sign up May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Use the Sign-up sheet in hall / or call the office**

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**Lay Readers**

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,  
Brenda O'Neill, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

Lay Reader in Training: Lisa Long

**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.”