

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada



Second Sunday after Pentecost
Church Picnic

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Officiant: Rev. Ann Camber

Sharing Camp Gitchigomee:

Jim Sutton & Frances Bennett-Sutton

Lay Reader: Lisa Long

Lectors: Elisabeth Gesch, Erminie Reid

Music: Richard Pepper, GT Singers & Percussion

Greeters: Mary Ripley, Marilyn Chisholm

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7th, 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

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.

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. Luke 4. 18

Opening Music: **Lord, I Lift Your Name On High**
(Rick Founds)

A Service of the Word 1 (SW1)

Please stand if able.

Presider: 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.

Presider: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Children's Time: Rev. Ann Camber

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

People: **Most merciful God, 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.

Presider: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

Collect of The Day

Presider: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***All: Amen***

The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading is from the
Genesis 12: 1 – 9**

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless

you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 33: 1 - 12

Refrain: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; it is good for the just to sing praises.

Praise the Lord with the harp; play to him upon the

psaltery and lyre.

Sing for him a new song; sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

Refrain: *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made*

For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are sure.

He loves righteousness and justice; the loving kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

Refrain: *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made*

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin and stores up the depths of the sea.

Refrain: *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made*

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it came to pass; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Refrain: *By the word of the Lord were the heavens made*

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; he

thwarts the designs of the peoples. But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, and the designs of his heart from age to age.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Refrain: By the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

Psalm Prayer:

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Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. In your loving kindness you watch over your chosen people. Make us witnesses to your truth and instruments of your peace, that all may know you as the God of justice, and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to The Romans

Romans 4: 13 - 25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")- in

the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Wings of an Eagle** (*Steve Bell*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 9: 9 – 13, 18 - 26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Offertory: **Jesus, It's a Beautiful Day/You and I**

Sharing Our Thoughts:

**Jim Sutton and Frances Bennett-Sutton
About Camp Gitchigomee**

Homily: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess our faith as we say,

**All: 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.**

ALL: Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught
us, we are bold to say,

All: 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.

Doxology:

Presider: 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.

Presider: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

A Blessing:

As you leave this place, go out with the courage and peace of those who have met the Master. May the God who created the mountains, the forests, and the streams go before you to guide your steps. May the peace of Christ, which brings life out of death, dwell richly within you. And may the Holy Spirit spark a fire in your heart, filling you with the warmth of His love so that you may be a blessing to everyone you meet. Go in joy, go in peace, and remember to pass it on! In the name of the Creator, the

ELCIC College, Wycliffe College
Luther College at the University of Regina
and Luther College – High School

MOR The School of Theology at Moravian
University (formerly Moravian Theological
Seminary and Lancaster Theological
Seminary) in Bethlehem, PA.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Byce, Rev. Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Dennis Clark and Ashley Stoney, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen Colpitts and Teresa Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins, Joe and Nancy Crane, Ivy and Tim, Suzy and Leigh Crocker.

Please pray for Camp Gitchigomee and the Camp Directors: Danielle Reszityk., Maranda Dumas, Jacob Reszityk, Michael Wolfe, Melanie Gottfred, Marie MacLeod as they prepare to receive campers this summer.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com
Accept merciful love.

Alongside Hope News

St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank is operated by the Episcopal (Anglican) Diocese of Jerusalem. The dedicated staff serves a population of about 455,000 Palestinians, including 57 marginalized villages and four nearby refugee

camps. But an unreliable power grid and expensive fuel makes health care delivery a challenge during the best of times, and a crisis during the worst of times. Right now, we have an extraordinary opportunity to brighten the future of St. Luke's with the installation of 407 solar panels. **A generous donor has stepped forward with a matching challenge: every dollar given to Light for St. Luke's will be matched, up to \$176,000 . Donate to the project and double your impact.** Give online or mail your cheque to **Alongside Hope**, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2 and write Light for St. Luke's in the memo line, or call 1-866-308-7973.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

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.

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.

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

June 7th

Sunday School Picnic Today – indoors

June 7th

Retirement social for Pastor Matthew Diegel

June 9th See Poster in Hall – Everyone Invited
 Video Study 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Parish Hall
 June 12th Food Prep
 June 14th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
 June 16th Video Study 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Parish Hall
 June 16th Camp Gitchigomee Mtg.
 June 13th Salvation Army Picnic noon – 3 p.m.
 June 20th Blessing of the Fleet – MTS 10:30 a.m.
 June 21st Coffee Hour
 June 22nd – July 14th – Rev. Ann holidays
 June 26th Food Prep
 June 28th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
 July 5th Senior Camp begins today
 July 10th Food Prep
 July 12th Junior Camp begins today
 July 12th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
 July 19th Intermediate Camp begins today
 July 24th Food Prep
 July 26th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

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

Salvation Army Family Picnic – Sat. June 13th, 2026
 Free Food, Games, Tables full of activities for young and
 old. Tour of the new Salvation Army building.
 Everyone Welcome

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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is happy to invite

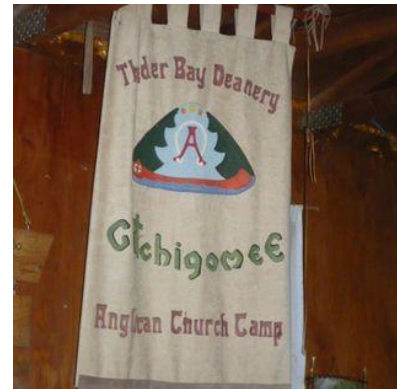
you to: Retirement Luncheon for Pastor Matthew Diegel
June 7th after the 10:30 a.m. service Luncheon in
Immanuel Hall till 2 p.m.

See Poster in hall for more information.



Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for some
crafts, games and Food – Everyone Welcome.

Camp Gitchigomee Memories





Gathering Table

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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.”