

Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



Celebrating Canada Day

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Preacher: Brenda O'Neill
Presider and Lay Reader: Rose Jardine
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers
Lectors: Sheilia Chisholm, Erminie Reid
Greeter: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Canada Day Celebration

June 28th , 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 To Gathering Table
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.

If any serve me, the Father will honour them. *John 12.26*

Opening Music: **CP 59**
 Jesus Calls us Here To Meet Him

A Service of the Word 1 (SW1)

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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Music: **Wonderful, Merciful, Saviour**

Children's Time: Brenda O'Neill *Lay Reader*

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 for Canada Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***All: Amen*** *BAS Page 413*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 32: 1 – 5, 14 – 15, 21 – 24

Government with Justice Predicted

32 See, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.

² Each will be like a hiding-place from the wind, a covert from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

³ Then the eyes of those who have sight will not be closed, and the ears of those who have hearing will listen.

⁴ The minds of the rash will have good judgement, and the tongues of stammerers will speak readily and distinctly.

⁵ A fool will no longer be called noble, nor a villain be said to be honourable.

¹⁴ For the palace will be forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watch-tower will become dens for ever, the joy of wild asses, a pasture for flocks;

¹⁵ until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

²¹ Prepare slaughter for his sons because of the guilt of their father. Let them never rise to possess the earth or cover the face of the world with cities.

²² I will rise up against them, says the Lord of hosts, and will cut off from Babylon name and remnant, offspring and posterity, says the Lord.

²³ And I will make it a possession of the hedgehog, and pools of water, and I will sweep it with the broom of destruction, says the Lord of hosts.

²⁴ The Lord of hosts has sworn: As I have designed, so shall it be; and as I have planned, so shall it come to pass:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 85: 7 - 13

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

⁸ Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Psalm Prayer:

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God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake. *All: Amen.*

Second Reading is from The Book of Colossians Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,

meekness, and patience.

¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual: **There Is A Longing**

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**
ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 15: 12 – 17

¹² ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have

called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Homily:

Brenda O'Neill

Lay Reader

A time for silent reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: 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

Litany 7

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(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit, saying “Lord, hear and have mercy.”)

ALL: Hear and have mercy.

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

Leader: Lord, as we ask,

ALL: Hear and have mercy.

Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to stand fearlessly against evil and to be intolerant of oppression; and help us to use our freedom rightly in establishing justice in our communities and among the nations.

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

Leader: Lord, as we ask,

ALL: Hear and have mercy.

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Lord, as we ask,

ALL: Hear and have mercy.

Lord, we are blessed to live in this good land. May we

always be people mindful of your generosity and glad to do your will. Bless Canada with honest industry, truthful education, and an honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Unite the hearts of the ancient peoples of this land with those who came from other nations with different customs and languages. Defend all liberties and give to those with the authority of government, the wisdom needed to protect justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. For King Charles III, for Prime Minister Carney, and for members of federal and provincial parliament who serve this area. We pray for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God.

Leader: Lord, as we ask,

ALL: Hear and have mercy.

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

Leader: Lord, as we ask,

ALL: Hear and have mercy.

We give thanks for the ministries of St. Peter and St. Paul, on this feast day, for sharing what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

Leader: Lord, as we ask,

ALL: hear and have mercy.

Celebrant: 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:

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.

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

A Blessing: Brenda O'Neill

"Now, as we go forth to celebrate this great land, may God bless Canada with peace, unity, and a spirit of compassion. May the Creator, who has entrusted us with these breathtaking lands and diverse peoples, give us the grace to walk together in truth and reconciliation. Go out into

our communities as builders of hope and instruments of His peace, and may the Lord make our land glorious and free for all who call it home. Amen
(source *United Church of Canada*)

Closing Music: **Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land**

Announcements:

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left as you leave the church.

Readings for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67 Psalm 45: 11 – 18
Romans 7: 14 – 25a Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles. St. Paul's Thunder Bay, and The Rev. Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans, The Rev. Gordon Holroyd (Hon); The Rev. Anne Carr (Deacon Associate; St. Paul's, Wawa and Beverly Boyd & Lay Ministry Team, The Rev. Holly Klemmensen.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :
Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, Suffragan Bishops, and the clergy and people of

the Diocese of the Arctic
ELCIC The congregations of the northern area of the
Saskatchewan Synod

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Richard and Adrienne Lambert, and Kaylee, Colin Laraway, Lisa Long, Audrey Love, Paul Love. Julia MacDougall, Monica MacKay, Jessica and Murray MacRae, Gabriel, Ellie, Gavin and Isobel, Collette Makinen, Jean McAlpine-Marler, Ian and Virginia McEwen, and Rory and Toby, Gloria McKay.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Show hospitality. Act as an ambassador of Christ.

ALONGSIDE HOPE

Thanks to you! 165 Solar Panels closer to reliable care at
St. Luke's Hospital!

Imagine needing stitches, and your nurse having to rely on the light from their phone to safely complete the procedure. Or holding the hand of a loved one breathing with the help of a ventilator, and the power goes out. The dedicated medical staff at St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank is doing everything they can to provide safe and reliable care, but frequent power outages and the increasing cost of fuel make this incredibly challenging. With the support of generous donors like you, Alongside Hope is providing 407 solar panels for St. Luke's. Every solar panel installed will strengthen the hospital's ability to deliver life saving care under the most difficult of circumstances. You can make a gift today to provide

reliable electricity to those who need it most. Thanks to a generous donor, all gifts to Light for St. Luke's will be matched, doubling your impact. Together, we have raised \$71,199 towards our \$176,000 goal, bringing us nearly halfway to unlocking the full match. 165 solar panels are now funded, and each one is bringing St. Luke's closer to having reliable electricity that they can control and count on. ***Linda Rintamaki (rep)***

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

June 22nd – July 14th – Rev. Ann holidays

June 28th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

June 29 – 30th Office will be open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

July 1st - 2nd Office will be closed for Canada Day

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

Aug. 7th Food Prep

Aug. 9th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Aug. 14th Church Retreat – Information Soon

Aug. 16th Coffee Hour

Aug. 21st Food Prep

Aug. 23rd Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Save the Date - August 14 – 16 , 2026
Gathering Table Family and Friends Camp
Weekend At Camp Gitchigomee
DETAILS COMING SOON!!





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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."