

When Jesus had
finished giving
instructions to
His 12 disciples,
He departed from
there to teach and
preach in their cities

Matthew 11:11

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‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Preacher: Kim Bienvenue
Presider and Lay Reader: Frances Bennett-Sutton
Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers
Lectors: Elisabeth Gesch, David Reid
Greeter: Erminie Reid
Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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 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.

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
who has reveal these things to the simple.

Opening Music: **CP 292**

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

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: **Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul**

Children's Time:

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but 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 Book of Genesis

Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 – 67

Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I

may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 45: 11 - 18

Refrain: Nations shall praise you for ever.

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; he is your master; therefore do him honour.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; the rich among the people seek your favour."

Refrain: Nations shall praise you for ever.

All glorious is the princess as she enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, and enter into the

Refrain: Nations shall praise you for ever.

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; therefore nations will praise you for

Refrain: Nations shall praise you for ever.

Psalm Prayer:

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Gracious God, your love unites heaven and earth in a new festival of gladness. Lift our spirits to learn the way of joy that leads us to your banquet hall, where all is golden with praise. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 7: 15 – 25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual: **I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say**
(Kevin Twit version)

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - 30

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came

neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Homily: **Frances Bennett-Sutton** *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

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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: Kim Bienvenue

Closing Music: *My Soul Is Thirsting*

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 when leave the church.

Readings for The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25: 19 – 34

Psalm 119: 105 – 112

Romans 8: 1 – 11....

Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Anglican Church of South America.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca

ELCIC The congregations of the East area of the Saskatchewan Synod

TOGETHER Lutheran, Anglican, and Moravian summer camping ministries

MOR The July 6 anniversary of the martyrdom of Jan Hus in 1415 – we remember, not his death, but his faithful witness, even unto death.

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

*Partner with Jesus. He will walk beside us
carrying our worries with us.*

Please continue to pray for the Venezuelan people

Donate to Alongside Hope's Venezuela Earthquake Response at www.alongside_hope.org. You can also donate by calling at 1-866-308-7973. Or mail a cheque to Alongside Hope, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON, Canada, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate "Venezuela" in the memo field.

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

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.”