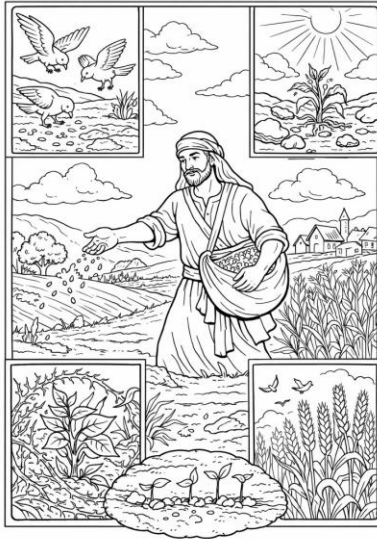


Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the
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Sea Sunday – Harbours of Hope

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Guest Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Nancy Ringham

Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

Lectors: Sheila Chisholm, Carole Kostyniuk

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants:

Erminie Reid, David Reid, Lisa Long (Choir)

Greeters: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12th, 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 word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. *Deuteronomy 30.14*

Opening Music: **CP 578**

O Healing River

Gathering of the Community

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All 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.**

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Collect for Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have made us for
yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their
rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the
world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Children's Time:

Rev. Nancy Ringham

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 25: 19 – 34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddanaram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob,

"Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 105 - 112

Refrain: Your word is a light upon my path.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgements.

Refrain: Your word is a light upon my path.

I am deeply troubled; preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Refrain: Your word is a light upon my path.

My life is always in my hand, yet I do not forget your law.

Refrain: Your word is a light upon my path.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes for ever and
Refrain: Your word is a light upon my path.

Psalm Prayer:

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**As of old, O Lord our God, you gave
commandments to make one nation just and true,
so by your incarnate Word you make all peoples
one in grace and in the perfect freedom of your
service. We give thanks to you through Jesus
Christ our Lord *All: Amen.***

**Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the
Romans**

Romans 8: 1– 11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh;

you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **God Our Protector**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Rev. Nancy Ringham**

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

Lay Reader

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, **“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the peace of the world: 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 Louise Arbour, the Prime Minister, Mark Carney, 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: may the Lord

guide their growth and development. We pray especially for those who are out at Camp Gitchigomee and all Christian summer camps this year.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love. (Feel free to say aloud or in silence those on your heart at this time)

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are living in war zones or areas affected negatively by climate change: may the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: may the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As we linger in God's presence, let us continue to pray, saying,

"Lord, have mercy."

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the

Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

A Prayer for Sea Sunday: Be with Seafarers, Lord, on all their voyages, to cheer them and keep them safe in all dangers. Let nothing afloat or on shore cut them off from you. May they please you in everything they do. Bless all on board their ship, whatever their responsibility.

Prayer for Seafarers: *Lord God, we depend on you for life itself. We depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs. Watch over them, keep them from danger, befriend them in loneliness and bring them safely home to those they love. Amen*

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: **My Worth Is Not In What I Own**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the 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 #4** *BAS Page 201*

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: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island

home; by your will they were created and have their being.
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, Holy Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth
are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord
*Hosanna in the highest***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 #2

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Celebrant: We break this bread to share
in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.**

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:

**CP 360 Bless The Lord My Soul
Amazed
The Blessing**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared
in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the 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. Nancy Ringham**

Closing Music: **God Send Us Forth**

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 Eight Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

Psalm 139: 1 – 11, 22 – 23

Romans 8: 12 – 25

Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The
Diocese of Araucania – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

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

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Rachael Parker, Bishop, and
the clergy and people of the Diocese of
Brandon

ELCIC Bishop Trish Schmermund, the people and
rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta
and the Territories

MOR The Van-Es Camp and Conference Centre

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

God is an extravagant Sower,
throwing seeds everywhere and giving all a chance
to share in the Good News.

Alongside Hope is responding to the disastrous earthquakes in Venezuela. **In response to the crisis, the Government of Canada announced it will match all donations made to the Humanitarian Coalition (HC) appeal between June 25 and July 14, up to \$2 million.** The HC comprises 12 leading Canadian aid agencies including the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, of which Alongside Hope is a member.

Available from the Office

2026 Parishioner parking passes (\$10.00)

Available at the back of the church on the shelf

Our Daily Bread for **Sept., Oct., Nov., 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

July 12 th	Junior Camp begins today
July 12 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
July 14 th	Rev. Ann Back from holidays
July 19 th	Intermediate Camp begins today
July 24 th	Food Prep
July 26 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Aug. 7 th	Food Prep
Aug. 9 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Aug. 14 th	Church Retreat – Information Soon
Aug. 16 th	Coffee Hour
Aug. 21 st	Food Prep
Aug. 23 rd	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Save the Date - August 14 – 16 , 2026
**Gathering Table Family and Friends Camp
Weekend At Camp Gitchigomee**



You, your family and friends are invited to come out and enjoy the beautiful sandy cove at Camp Gitchigomee at Sandstone Lake. Bring your own breakfast and lunches, and join in our Saturday supper together. Donation can be made out to Gathering Table to help cover the cost of renting the camp for the weekend, and for the food for Saturday supper.

Bring a tent, your RV or register to use one of the cabins. Enjoy sitting by the fire, or play games inside. Sunday morning we will have a service in the chapel for those that would like to attend. Canoes will also be available to sign out.



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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.”