

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Lisa Long

Lectors: Jim Sutton, Erminie Reid

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants:

Alex Kostecki, Audrey Love, Rose Jardine (choir)

Greeter: Sharon Sparkes,

Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19^h, 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.

My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55:11*

Opening Music: CP177 A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*
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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Almighty God, your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure
hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in
truth; 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. Ann Camber

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 139: 1 – 11, 22 - 23

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

Where can I go then from your Spirit? where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Refrain: *Lord, your hand will hold me fast.*

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that it is everlasting

Refrain: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

Psalm Prayer:

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God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are the veils and signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and for your whole creation. We come as your Son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name.

All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 8: 12 – 25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you

put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: CP100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will

shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: Rev. Ann Camber

Music: CP 549 Our Darkness

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

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: CP29 The Day Thou Gavest (V 1, 3, 5)

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through 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:

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

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:

CP334 Holy God, We Praise Your Name
CP621 Before The World Began

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; 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

Celebrant: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Go now, rooted in the sure knowledge that Christ has redeemed you, and go be a blessing to all you meet. **Amen**

Announcements:

Closing Music: CP505 Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

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

Readings for Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29: 15 – 28

Psalm 105: 45c

Romans 8: 26 – 39

Matthew 13: 31 - 33

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray for:

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| ACC: | The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson,
Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the
Diocese of Calgary |
| ELCIC | The assistant to the bishop and the staff of
the Synod of Alberta and the Territories |
| MOR | The Canadian Moravian Foundation |

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb, Jim Sutton and

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Ellen Teahan, Elizabeth Thomson, Bob and Marjorie Tutkaluk, Elroy Ulmer, Terry Wade, Dan and Val Walter, Carl and Roberta Wolfe, Michael Wolfe and Heidi Dreher-Wolfe, Makayla and Riley

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Show patience and do not be quick to judge.

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

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| July 12th | Junior Camp begins today |
| July 12th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| July 14th | Rev. Ann Back from holidays |
| 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



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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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.”