

Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Jim Sutton

Lectors: Eleanor Bennett

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants:

Erminie Reid, David Reid, Kim Benvenue (choir)

Greeter: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9th, 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.

I wait for the Lord; in his word is my hope.
Psalm 130.4

Opening Music: **CP 533 Jesus, Lover Of My Soul**

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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to
be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to
the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit
of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who is alive 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 37: 1 – 4, 12 – 28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and

before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" - that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 16 – 22, 45c

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron

collar.

Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

He set him as master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,

To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom.

Hallelujah!

Refrain: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

Psalm Prayer:

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God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to The Romans

Romans 10: 5 – 15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **Listen To The Words**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 14: 22 – 33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

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

For the Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Rev. Ann and all clergy as they lead, teach and shepherd us. By your Spirit, fill them with your wisdom, compassion and love.

Lord, hear our prayer

For leaders and all those in authority throughout the world; that they would be stirred to serve all people and be motivated by truth, justice and compassion.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the safety and protection of medical, hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, NAPS and our armed forces especially the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment.

Lord, hear our prayer

For a blessing upon farmers, particularly Marcelle and Brendan from Sleepy G farm. Grant them favourable weather, good health, strength and keep them safe from all dangers in their work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For justice and lasting peace in countries ravaged by wars, especially Ukraine, Palestine Iran and Sudan. For relief and safety for people and lands affected by drought, wildfires, flood, famine, and other disasters.

Lord, hear our prayer

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.

Lord, hear our prayer

For those in need of your healing touch and grieving the loss of a loved one – (please say aloud or silently the names of persons); in your mercy,

Lord, hear our prayer

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of the human-caused climate crisis; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner.

Lord, hear our prayer

For Grace Place, Dew Drop Inn, Shelter House, Salvation Army, and our own Food Cupboard; whose staff and volunteers serve the hungry, lonely, and hurting people of our city. Grant them strength of purpose, resources and compassion to do this vital work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our parish of Gathering Table; as living testimony to the miracle of the resurrection: may we be resurrected to the way of humility, curiosity, mercy, service, wholeness, justice and love.

Lord, hear our prayer

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: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

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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:

The Steadfast Love Of The Lord
CP 401 My Life Flows On In Endless Song
(V 1,2 & 5)

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. 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. Ann Camber**

May Christ meet you in the middle of your stormy sea today. May His quiet voice calm your deepest fears. May He stretch out His hand to lift you up when you sink. May His peace guard your heart, and may His unstoppable grace guide your steps through every wave this week.

Amen

Closing Music: **I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky**

(Here I Am, Lord)

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 as leave the church.

Readings for Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45: 1 – 15

Psalm 133

Romans 11: 1 – 2a, 20 – 32

Matthew 15: 10 – 28

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The
Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray
for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop, and
the clergy and people of the Diocese of
Qu'Appelle

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the
Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and
the Territories

MOR Remembering August 13 – in 1727, this was
the day when the young community in
Herrnhut, Germany, nearly torn apart by
internal theological conflict, was bonded
together by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Some call it our Moravian “Pentecost.”

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Melanie
Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod, Ted and Donna
Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane
Hartley, Irene Humby, Isaiah and Rosalie Jacob, and
Raymond Greg, Rose Jardine, Derek Jetten, Denise Jetten,
Daniel and Amelia Joseph, Amanda Kase, John Kirchen,

Alex Kostecki, Bob and Carol Lee Kostyniuk, Walter and Barbara Kutcher

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Feel the call to be inspired to step out in faith.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

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| Aug 9th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Aug 14th | Church Retreat – Information at back of church |
| Aug 16th | Service of the Word at GT; Coffee Hour |
| Aug 16th | Holy Eucharist Service at Camp Gitchigomee |
| Aug 21st | Food Prep |
| Aug 23rd | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Aug 30th | Coffee hour |
| Sept. 11 th | Food Prep |
| Sept. 15 th | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg., St. Thomas Church
7 p.m. |
| Sept. 13 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Sept. 18 th | Food Prep |
| Sept. 20 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Sept. 22 nd | Parish Advisory Council Meeting |

Food Prep Friday

Please note: This summer we are very short of volunteers for food cupboard especially on Friday. If you have time between 9:30am–1:30pm lunch included. Please inform Sharon Sparkes if you are able to come.

Parish Camping Weekend at Gitchigomee
August 14-16

Come for a day or the whole weekend. We have invited our sister churches in the deanery. For more information please speak to Jim Sutton. Registration forms are available at the back of the church so we can get numbers.

See Jim Sutton

Alongside Hope

As communities across Northwestern Ontario continue to face the devastating impacts of wildfires, Alongside Hope, is working with diocesan and Indigenous leaders to support communities affected by the emergency.

Alongside Hope confirmed that its Canada Emergency Response Fund is available to support dioceses as needs continue to emerge in the days, weeks, and months ahead. To donate go to www.alongsidehope.org , call 1-866-308-797-380 or send a cheque to Alongside Hope, Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2 and write NWOntario wildfires in the memo line.

(Linda Rintamaki rep)



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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.”