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is speaking
are YOU
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Gathering Table
**a Faith Community in the
Anglican Church of Canada**

Officiant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber
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Lectors: Sheila Chisholm, Erminie Reid
Eucharistic Assistants: Alex Kostecki, David Reid,
Rose Jardine (Choir)
Greeter: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley
Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

**Refugee Sunday
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 23rd , 2026

10 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.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Matthew 16.16

Opening Music: **CP 465**
Here In This Place New Light Is Streaming

Gathering of the Community *BAS page 185*
All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

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 Of The Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your
Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of
love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who 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 Isaiah
Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek
the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to
Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he

was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.

God of creation and fulfilment, help us to seek and
discover your purposes, that we may become willing
instruments of your grace, and that all the world may
come to love and praise your name, in the kingdom of your
Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm Prayer:

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**the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
*All Amen***

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to The Romans

Romans 12: 1 – 8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Thirsty Boots

*by Eric Andersen
(video with Ted Hamill singing)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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,

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.

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: **Fashion For Me**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. 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: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

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 power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

***Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest
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 #1

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Celebrant: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord.

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

Communion Music: **There Is A Longing
Trust In God**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Living God, increase in us the healing power
of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you
in all things, for the sake of 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 of 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

Go forth into this new week with confidence. May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in, may His wisdom guide your steps, and may His unending grace surround you now and forever. *Amen*

Closing Music: CP 575

Let Streams Of Living Justice

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Announcements:

Readings for The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus3: 1 – 15.....

Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 23 – 26, 45c

Romans 12: 9 - 21 ..

Matthew 16: 21 - 28

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Richard Reed, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Bishop of Missinippi, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

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

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

Nourish your faith. Grow your relationship with God.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

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| Aug 23rd | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Aug 30th | Coffee hour |
| Sept. 11 th | Food Prep |
| Sept. 13 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Sept. 15 th | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg., St. Thomas Church
7 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 th | Celebration of Life for Carol Flatt 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 20 th | Coffee Hour |

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| Sept. 22 nd | Parish Advisory Council Meeting |
| Sept. 25 th | Food Prep |
| Sept. 26 th | Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Harvest Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. |
| Sept 27 th | Truth and Reconciliation Sunday
Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch and Food Cupboard (we will use the food to give out After the service) |
| Sept. 27 th | National Police and Peace Officer's Day |
| Oct. 9 th | Food Prep |
| Oct. 11 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Oct. 20 th | Camp G Mtg. – Gathering Table 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 23 rd | Food Prep |
| Oct. 25 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Oct. 27 th | Parish Advisory Board |





Pictures from the Gathering Table Retreat



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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.”