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Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber

Preacher: Lisa Long

Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue

Lectors: Frances Bennett-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

Season of Creation 1 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6th, 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

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5.19

Opening Music:

CP 614

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Gathering of the Community

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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: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful
people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may
by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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 Exodus

Exodus 12: 1 - 14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it
shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole
congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they

are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song.

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song

Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song

To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of

iron;

To inflict on them the judgement decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Refrain: *Sing to the Lord a new song*

Psalm Prayer:

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Accept our praise, God of justice, defender of the oppressed. Give us grace to join in this your holy work, that all the world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All Amen*

**Second Reading is from
The Letter of Paul to the Romans
Romans 13: 8– 14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in

quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Gradual: **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 18: 15 – 20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: **Lisa Long**

Lay Reader
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

Litany 19

Lay Reader
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(Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, “We thank you, Lord.”)

We thank you, Lord

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,
We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to
rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in
suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,
We thank you, Lord.

Today we give thanks especially for . . .
We thank you, Lord.]

For (. . . and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the
light of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

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: **Satisfy Us**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Great and holy God, accept our offering of

labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name 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 5

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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: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

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

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,

Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

***People* Glory to you for ever and ever. All: 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 #3 *BAS Page 212*

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: **So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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:

Bringer Of The Kingdom

What The Lord Has Done In Me

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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 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**

"May God send His Holy Spirit to guide your steps today.
Where there is fear, may He give you hope.
Where there is division, may He bring peace.
Go forth into the new week knowing you are never alone,
for where two or three are gathered in His name, He is in the midst of you."

Closing Music: **CP 536**

Singing Songs Of Expectation

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Announcements:

Readings for The 15th Sunday after Pentecost **Season of Creation 1**

Exodus 12: 1 - 14

Psalm 149

Romans 13: 8 - 14 ..

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The
Episcopal /Anglican Province of Alexandria
Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Please pray for: St James,
Kemptonville, Rev. Rogerio D'Assis

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The theological colleges and training programs
within the Ecclesiastical Province of Northern
Lights: Arthur Turner Training School, the
Centre for Christian Studies, the College of
Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for
Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William
Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College
for Ministry

TOGETHER For the Season of Creation which continues
in the month ahead

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

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High
School, High School, College and University. Some who
are going off to College and Universities for the first time,

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com
Move beyond conflict to reconciliation.
In all relationships Jesus is with us.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

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| Sept. 6 th | 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 <u>Ann</u> Flatt 2 p.m. | | |
| Sept. 20 th | Welcome Back Sunday Parish Pot Luck | | |
| | <u>Sunday School will start in October</u> | | |
| 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 Food Cupboard (we
will use the produce at Food Cupboard | | |
| 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. 25th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Oct. 27th Parish Advisory Board

Alongside Hope's Wild Ride Deanery 2026

Alongside Hope's Wild Ride is back in 2026. This year, we're raising funds to provide solar panels at St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank, in partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. The hospital serves a population of about 455,000 people, including 57 marginalized villages and four nearby refugee camps. But unreliable and costly power sources make health care a challenge during the best of times, or a crisis during the worst of times. In 2026, we're focusing on St. Luke's Hospital and its transition to a reliable source of energy – solar power. This will help ensure quality health care can continue despite frequent power outages and expensive diesel fuel. The Wild Ride fundraising goal is \$60,000, enough to purchase and install 70 of the 407 solar panels that are part of this project. Each panel will cost roughly \$865, which includes delivery, installation and training. **Every gift will be matched by a generous donor, doubling the impact!**

As a supporter of Alongside Hope, you can participate in the deanery wild ride this fall. **Our deanery team name is "Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery Suncatchers" and our goal is 5,000 dollars.** We will have a walk on **Sat Sept.19 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church from 1:30 to 3 pm.** Following the walk in the neighbourhood there will be refreshments.. Donations can be made the following ways: Go **online to alongside hope.org/wild-ride/** Then scroll down to Join a team. Then select **the team name** It is in thanksgiving for the

Missions to Seafarers Ministry.. **Cheques can also be made to Alongside Hope with the team name in the memo line.** Hope to see you for the walk; if you cannot make it on Sept.19th, please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause. Donations are accepted until Oct.18th.
Linda Rintamaki (rep)

September 27th, 2026 **Harvest Thanksgiving**
Looking for produce to decorate the church ***on Sat., September 26th, at 10 a.m.*** All produce will be giving out after the service to our food cupboard clients.



Colour me, and bring it back to church for Sept. 20th



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People's Warden: Brenda O'Neill

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Music Director: Donnal Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2025

Isaiah 12: 3

With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation.