

Gathering Table

a Faith Community

in the Anglican Church of Canada



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Season of Creation 2

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation This year's theme, "Living Water," comes from Ezekiel 47:9 and 12—a biblical vision of hope and ecological restoration.

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Kim Bienvenue

Lectors: Jim Sutton, Audrey Love

Music: TBA

Eucharistic Assistants:

Linda Rintamaki, David Reid, Kim Bienvenue (Choir)

Greeter: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Season of Creation 2
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th, 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

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.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. *John 13.34*

Opening Music: **CP 226**

Through the Red Sea Brought at Last

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, you call your Church to
witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so
to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it
may turn to you; 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 Exodus

Exodus 14: 19 – 31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and

the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114

Refrain: ***Alleluia!***

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.

Refrain: ***Alleluia!***

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

Refrain: ***Alleluia!***

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills

like young sheep?

Refrain: Alleluia!

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Refrain: Alleluia!

Psalm Prayer:

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Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 14: 1– 12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike.

Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

Gradual: **CP 520**
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 18: 21 – 35

Then Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not

seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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: **CP 435**
Take My Life and Let it Be

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. 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

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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:

CP 634 Jesus Remember Me. - Taize

CP 70 Jesus thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. 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 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 the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, and honor all people. And may the blessing of God Almighty—the Creator who guides your steps, the Redeemer who walks beside you, and the Sustainer who breathes life into your days—rest upon you and remain with you always, both on this day and forever. ***Amen***

Closing Music: **CP 576**

For the Healing of the Nations

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Announcements:

Readings for The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation 3

Exodus 16: 2 - 15....

Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 37 - 45

Philippians 1: 21 - 30

Matthew 20: 1 - 16

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: **Please Pray for:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **Please Pray for:** The Parish of Kente: St. Andrew's, Wellington, Ven Nancy Northgrave.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon

ELCIC The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod

MOR Remembering September 16 – 1741 – at a synod (legislative assembly) in London, the delegates determined that no human being would be the head of the church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as “Chief Elder of the Unitas Fratrum.” Today, this day is celebrated by ordained servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant service.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Bruce and Georgina Adderley, Roberta Adderley, Angela Alberta

and Ava, Katelin Anderson, Ryan Thrasher, Brooke-Lynn, Scarlett, Olivia, and Arya, Margaret Aris, Darlene Armstrong, Errol Atkinson, Sabata Baya, Ellen Beaudry and Clint, Wendy Bell, Ellie Bennett , Kerri and Shane Bernardi, and Samuel, Sydney Bernardi, Kim Bienvenue, Adrian Boissoneau, Jim Bolt, Margaret Boone

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are starting the next chapter in their lives, in a new city away from family support.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Forgiveness heals both sides of conflict.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

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. 19 th	Turkey Dinner – St. Stephen’s at Current River Community Centre – See Poster
Sept. 20 th	Welcome Back Sunday Parish Pot Luck <u>Sunday School will start on Oct. 4th</u>
Sept. 20 th	Spaghetti Supper – Parish of West Thunder Bay – See Poster (Eat in or Take Out)
Sept. 22 nd	Parish Advisory Council Meeting <u>changed to Sept. 29th</u>
Sept. 25 th	Food Prep
Sept. 26 th	Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Harvest Thanksgiving at 10 a.m.

Sept. 26 th	Pass Lake Historical Society Open House See Poster in Hall
Sept 27 th	Truth and Reconciliation Sunday Harvest Thanksgiving Food Cupboard (we will be using the produce at Food Cupboard
Sept. 27 th	National Police and Peace Officer's Day
Sept. 27 th	Farewell Potluck Lunch for Rev. Elizabeth At St. Michael's after the 10 a.m. service
Sept. 29 th	Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
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

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/](https://alongsidehope.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)

Thunder Bay North Shore Wild Ride Sat., Sept 19th
Meet at St. Stephen’s Church and walk or cycle around the neighbourhood between 1:30 – 3 p.m. and return to St. Stephen’s for refreshments. Walk in thanksgiving for Mission to Seafarers, and Port of Thunder Bay and Chaplain Canon Ed Swayze.

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.



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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.”