

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 3 - Welcome Back Sunday
17th 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: Brenda O'Neill

Lectors: Garth O'Neill, Carol Kostyniuk

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants:

Alex Kostecki, Lisa Long, Brenda O'Neill(choir)

Greeters: Sharon Sparkes, Audrey Love

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20th, 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.

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to
what is said by your Son.

Opening Music: CP 355 (V 1,2 4)
All Creatures Of Our God And King

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 have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns *All: Amen*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Exodus

Exodus 16: 2 – 15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to

them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 105: 1 – 6, 37 - 45

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.

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

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

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.

He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

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

They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

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

So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.
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 Philippians

Philippians 1: 21 - 30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ

Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

Gradual: **The Sands Of Time Are Sinking**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 20: 1 – 16

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went

out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**
Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles Creed *BAS page 189*
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*

In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Lord, have mercy.

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, praying especially for those places suffering from war and violence, particularly the Middle East, Ukraine, and Sudan. For the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy, praying especially for Archbishop Anne and Reverend Ann. For the members of Gathering Table, and for all people, let us pray to the

Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Thunder Bay, for every city and community, and for those who live, work, and learn here, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (*name those who we wish to pray for silently or aloud*), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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, have mercy.

For all who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and

you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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: Before You I Kneel

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake 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 #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: **Embrace The Mystery
Hallelujah Is Our Song
Trust In God**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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**

As you go, spread the love and hope of Christ. Let

generosity be your guide. Let love be your compass.
And let peace be your destination. **Amen.**

Closing Music: **There Is A Hope**

Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Announcements:

Readings for The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Season of Creation 4

Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Psalm 78: 1 – 4, 12 - 16

Philippians 2: 1 - 13

Matthew 21: 23 - 32

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: Season of
Creation The Anglican Church of Australia

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical
Province of British Columbia and Yukon

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the
Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia
Synod

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Mary
Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie Bryson.

Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Byce, Rev.
Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and

Sheila Chisholm, Dennis Clark and Ashley Stoney, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen Colpitts and Teresa Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Have a humble heart and rejoice in the rewards of others.

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

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| Sept. 20th | Welcome Back Sunday Parish Pot Luck
Sunday School will start on Oct. 4th |
| Sept. 20th | Spaghetti Supper – Parish of West Thunder Bay – See Poster (Eat in or Take Out) |
| Sept. 22nd | Parish Advisory Council Meeting changed to Sept. 29th |
| Sept. 23 rd | No Place Like Home for Seniors 1 - 6 p.m.
See Poster in the Hall for more information |
| Sept. 25th | Food Prep |
| Sept. 26th | Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Harvest Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. |
| Sept. 26th | 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. 27th | National Police and Peace Officer's Day |
| Sept. 27th | Farewell Potluck Lunch for Rev. Elizabeth
At St. Michael's after the 10 a.m. service |
| Sept. 29th | Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 9th | Food Prep |

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| Oct. 11th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Oct. 14 th | Sleepy G Farm Member Shares 2 – 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 20th | Camp G Mtg. – Gathering Table 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 23rd | Food Prep |
| Oct. 25th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Oct. 27th | Parish Advisory Board |
| Oct. 28 th | Sleepy G Farm Member Shares 2 – 6 p.m. |

Coffee Hour Requests

A big thank you to the many members of Gathering Table who have been involved in the important ministry of hospitality. Especially thanks go out to those who make us coffee, tea, and snacks on Sunday mornings! We are looking for more members to help out during this time. Are you available to help with setting up? Maybe you're free after church to help with clean up? Or, best of all would you be willing to join a team that does it all once a month? Please reach out to Roberta in person on a Sunday or email her at office@gatheringtable.ca. Any and all assistance is appreciated. You can also help by providing cookies, crackers, cheese, or other goodies to share. Any donation would be most useful.



Ellen is looking forward to welcoming back our young people to Sunday School on Sunday, October 4th, 2026



Age Friendly Thunder Bay wants to empower all seniors.

"No Place Like Home",

Wednesday September 23rd from 1 to 6pm

Heritage Building on the CLE grounds.

This **FREE** event will help connect seniors with the experts, services and resources they need to remain safely and independently in their own home.

Learn more about safety, wellness, home maintenance, accessibility and rebates.

Home is where the heart is...

let's make sure it is also the safest place to be!



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Join Us Tonight Sept. 20th
Spaghetti Supper – Parish of West Thunder Bay
See Poster in Parish Hall (Eat in or Take Out)



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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.”