

in the Anglican Church of Canada



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Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Officiant & Preacher: Kim Bienvenue

Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers

Lectors: Garth O'Neill, Carol Kostynuik

Greeter: Sharon Sparkes, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Erminie Reid

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18th, 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 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.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

**Welcome To Gathering Table
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.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. *See Ephesians 1.17, 18*

Opening Music: CP 177

A Spendthrift Lover Is The Lord

A Service of the Word 1 (SW1)

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.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

People: **Most merciful God, 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: Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Peace is exchanged in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Collect for 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Children's Time: Kim Bienvenue Lay Reader

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Exodus

Exodus 33: 12 – 23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

This is the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy one.

The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy one.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy one.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

Refrain: The Lord our God is the Holy one.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and

worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Psalm Prayer:

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Lord our God, ruler of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading is from The Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1Thessalonians 1: 1 – 10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of

those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Gradual: **Trinity Song**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 22: 15– 22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Homily: **Kim Bienvenue**

Lay Reader

A time for silent reflection

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith 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.**

ALL: Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

Ionian Prayer St. Luke's Day

Intro: these prayers are adapted from an Ionian Prayer.
After each petition is opened, there will be a pause during
which everyone is encouraged to lift before God the people
and situations on our hearts. This can be done silently or

aloud. The Lay Reader will then close that petition.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer physical pain and ill health.

Please add names.

Lay Reader: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit.

Please add names.

Lay Reader: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing hurt and division, including places of hurt and division in our own lives and relationships.

Please add names or situations.

Lay Reader: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who need wisdom for their next steps.

Please add names.

Lay Reader: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those people and situations that seem to us, to broken and beyond repair.

Please add names or situations.

Lay Reader: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence and peace
those whose needs are not known to us, but who are
known by you; and those for whom we have been asked to
pray. We name in our heart those who are close to us.

Please add names.

Lay Reader: May they know the deep peace of Christ.
May we all know the deep peace of Christ.

**ALL: Glory to God, from whom all love flows,
glory to Jesus who showed his love through his
suffering, and glory to the Holy Spirit who brings
light to the darkest places. Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught
us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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.**

Doxology:

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.

Celebrant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

A Blessing:

Closing Music: ***Hallelujah Is Our Song***

Announcements:

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

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left as you leave the church.

Readings for The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12

Psalm 90: 1 – 6, 13 – 17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8

Matthew 22: 34 – 46

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The Anglican Church of Canada

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Please Pray for: St. Luke's, Kingston, and the Rev. Canon Margaret Johnston-Jones

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop,
and the clergy and people of the Diocese of
Kootenay

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the
Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia
Synod

MOR The people and ministries of the Southern
Province of the Moravian Church in America

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

Give yourself to God with a life of worship, service, and love.

Alongside Hope's

Wild Ride Deanery 2026: Our deanery team name is
"Thunder Bay-North Shore Deanery Suncatchers"
and our goal is 5,000 dollars. We are about half way
towards our goal. Donations can be made the following
ways: Go **online to [alongside hope.org/wild-ride/](http://alongside.hope.org/wild-ride/)**
Then scroll down to **Join a team.** Then select **the team**
name. Cheques can also be made to Alongside

Hope with the team name in the memo line and place in the treasure chest at the back of the church. Please consider making a donation to this worthwhile cause.

Donations are accepted until Oct.18th.

World of Gifts and Christmas Cards

Need Christmas Cards, Alongside Hope has some, see booklets at the back of the church. Christmas cards may be ordered using the [form](#) on their website. Choose from two designs. A minimum donation of \$25 per 12-card pack is recommended.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)

Upcoming Dates for your calendar

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| Oct. 18 th | Seafarers' Centre Open House 1:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 18 th | Coffee Hour |
| Oct. 20 th | Camp G Mtg. – Gathering Table 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 21 st | Take Me Home Dinner – See Poster in hall |
| Oct. 23 rd | Food Prep at 10 a.m. |
| Oct. 24 th | Men's Breakfast at Gathering Table – See Jim or David for more information 8:30 a.m. |
| Oct. 25 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Oct. 27 th | Parish Advisory Board (PAC 7 p.m. Zoom) |
| Oct. 28 th | Sleepy G Farm Member Shares 2 – 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 6 th | Food Prep |
| Nov. 7 th | Free Clothing Exchange – See Poster |
| Nov. 8 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Nov. 11 th | Sleepy G Farm Members Shares 2 – 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 17 th | Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m. St. Thomas |
| Nov. 20 th | Food Prep |
| Nov. 21 st | Camp Gitchigomee Camp Day See Poster in Hall – Everyone Welcome |
| Nov. 22 nd | Last Day to donate to MTS Christmas Bags |

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| Nov. 22 nd | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Nov. 24 th | Parish Advisory Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom |
| Nov. 25 th | Sleepy G Farm Members Share 2 – 6 p.m. |
| Dec. 4 th | Food Prep (Note change of Date this month) |
| Dec. 6 th | Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard |
| Dec. 11 th | Deanery Council Dinner |
| Dec. 12 th | Deanery Day |

Coffee Hour Requests

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, 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 helpful.

Christmas Gift Bags

Christmas is just around the corner, which means Christmas Gift Bags for seafarers. The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay is looking for donations for **Christmas Gift Bags** to be given to seafarers starting on December 1. Our objective is to prepare for 14 ships with 19 bags/ship or 266 bags. Donations need to be at the Seafarers' Centre by November 23; use the drop-off box outside the Seafarers' Centre or call the Seafarers' Centre 807-344-8241 to make an appointment. Suggested donations include mittens, gloves, toques, neck warmers, Chap Stick, tooth paste, disposable razors, and chocolate.

For further information visit
www.missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca and click on
Christmas Gift Bags under the Delivering Ministry tab or
call the Seafarers' Centre. ***See Marg Boone***

Church Calendars Now Available

Calendars are in and are available at the office. \$10 each

OUR SAVIOUR'S ANNUAL FALL SUPPER

Saturday October 24th. 5.00 pm in Immanuel Hall

Proceeds from the free will offering will be donated to

ISTHMUS (BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK)

See the sign up sheet on the easel in the narthex for your
contribution to the meal. Come out to enjoy food, music,
fellowship, and support Blessings in a Backpack.

Fundraiser for Alongside Hope



THE NEW TO YOU... FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE

WHEN AND WHERE:

Saturday November 7, 2026 9am - 1pm
ST MICHEAL'S AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
(675 RED RIVER RD)

WANT TO DONATE?

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS OF GENTLY USED CLOTHING FOR
MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND BABIES. **PLEASE NO RIPS
OR STAINS!** SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

166 WOODSIDE ST
722 SELKIRK ST S
250 NICHOLETT'S RD

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? MESSAGE US @ THE CLOTHING
LADY ON FACEBOOK





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**For Pastoral Care while Rev. Ann is off, please
contact one of the wardens or call the office.**

Lay Readers

Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,
Brenda O'Neill, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,
Lay Reader in Training: Lisa Long

Rector's Warden: David Reid

Deputy Rector's Warden: Audrey Love

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."