

in the Anglican Church of Canada



Dedication Sunday: Feast of the Consecration

Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Gathering Table
a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada

Celebrant and Preacher: Archdeacon Deborah Kraft

Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill

Lectors: Jim Sutton, David Reid

Music: Donna & Ted Hamill, GT Singers & Percussion

Eucharistic Assistants: Erminie Reid, David Reid,
Lisa Long (choir wafers)

Greeters: Connie Bryson, Mary Ripley

Altar Guild: Lisa Long

22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Dedication Sunday: Feast of the Consecration

October 25th, 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.

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *John 14.23*

Opening Music: **CP 340**

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

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: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of
your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out
of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and
by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land;
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: **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading is from The Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord

sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalms 90: 1 – 6, 13 - 17

Refrain: From age to age you are God.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Refrain: From age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.

Refrain: From age to age you are God.

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Refrain: From age to age you are God.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Refrain: From age to age you are God.

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Refrain: From age to age you are God.

Psalm Prayer:

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Eternal Father of our mortal race, in Jesus Christ your grace has come upon us. For his sake, prosper the work of our hands until he returns to gladden our hearts forever. Amen.

Second Reading is from The First Letter of Paul to The Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 2 – 1 - 8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal

does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gradual: **All Hail The Lord's Anointed**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 22: 34– 46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the

greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon: **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**
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

Based on Litany #6

(As we stand in God's presence, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, 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; including South Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza, and all of the middle East. 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 those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do. For those who are

spending time traveling and visiting this fall, that the Lord will give them rest and renewal, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We offer prayers for our beloved Rev. Ann for healing, patience, and continued knowledge of your love for her and for her family at Gathering Table. For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, praying especially for the following people on our hearts (either silently or aloud); that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, 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, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. 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: **Satisfy Us**

There is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where your offerings can be left when leaving the church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: . God of constant love, you have guided your

people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; 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 #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: **Enter In
Trust In God**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name 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: **Archdeacon Deborah Kraft**

Closing Music: **My Soul Is Thirsting**

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

Announcements:

Readings for All Saints Day

Rev 7: 9 – 17

Psalms 34: 1 – 10, 22

1 John 3: 1 – 3

Matthew 5: 1 – 12

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for: The

Church of The Province of West Africa.

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Please Pray for: St. Paul's, Kingston, The Rev. Canon Margaret Johnston-Jones.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. John Stephens, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster

ELCIC Remembering October 31, 1517 – as the day Martin Luther published the *Ninety-five Theses*. Sometime cited as the launching of the Protestant Reformation

TOGETHER For an end to gender-based violence and human trafficking

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Linda Rintamaki and Wayne Edmunds, Mary Ripley, Lloyd Roe, Janel Wapoose, Louise Wapoose, Terra Roe, Kianna Roe, Arabella Roe, Muriel Rowan, Alan and Cynthia Roy, Graham and Michael, Irene Roy, Douglas Semple, , Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, , Shirley Siipola, Stacey Small, Jay Smith, Michelle Sovereign De Luca, Jace and Sophia DeLuca

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Love with action, not just feelings.

The Undercover Project - PLEASE DONATE
Helping Children Cover Bare Necessities this Christmas Season, There is a big box decorated to put **New socks** and **New underwear** in that will assist Community Clothing Assistance. Cash/Cheques are also appreciated, and can be put in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church and should be made out to Community Clothing Assistance. ***Please have in by November 30th, 2026***

Reminder about Nut Allergies - This is a reminder to make sure all Coffee Hour items you bring or donate are **“Nut Free Please”**. Our Sunday School has started, and we want to keep our children “Safe”.

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

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	Card Making Workshop – See Ellen Teahan
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. 21 st	Altar Guild Planning Mtg. 1 p.m. Parish Hall
Nov. 22 nd	Last Day to donate to MTS Christmas Bags
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
(Only 8 Calendars Left)

Fundraiser for Alongside Hope



Grace Place Needs

Winter Coats, warm sweaters both men and women's for our free store. Please check your closet and donate what you can.
<https://graceplacethunderbay.com/freestore>

Food Security Seasonal offering:
WINTER STORAGE BOX

Looking to stock up on storage crops for the winter?
 This is your chance to load up your pantry with Good Food!

\$20
per box

The Winter Storage Box (WSB) includes potatoes, carrots, onions, squash, and more! We will also provide information on how to store your veggies along with hearty recipes too!

ORDERS OPEN
October 21st until December 7th

through your neighborhood host-site, or via our webstore (goodfoodboxtb.org). WSBs available for pickup along with the regular GFBs on December 16th

GOOD FOOD BOX

**THE NEW TO YOU...
 FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE**

WHEN AND WHERE:
 Saturday November 7, 2026 9am - 1pm
 ST MICHAEL'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 NICHOLETTS RD

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



9AM - 2PM **24 October**

HALLOWEEN FOR HUNGER

CITY-WIDE DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD ITEM COLLECTION
 Supporting Lakehead students facing food insecurity

Dropping off donations yourself?
ACCEPTED ON CAMPUS IN THE AGORA

LUSU Food Resource Centre
 Lakehead University Student Success Centre

Scan to see our most-needed items!




**ST. STEPHEN'S
 ANGLICAN CHURCH**
 494 Leslie Avenue
 (at Arundel)

Pasta Supper
Sunday, November 1, 2026

Take-out 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Sit-down at 5:15 pm

Take-out \$15.00 Sit-down \$18.00

Bring your own container for take-out

Spaghetti and meatballs

Maximum 2 extra meatballs

Each \$1.00

For further information call:

Janet at 807 627-1112



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Thunder Bay Centre

Presents a Recital by

Thunder Bay Centre Members

&

Lakehead University Students

Sunday, October 25th, 2026

at 2:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Anglican Church

1400 Edward St. S

Thunder Bay

Free will offering welcome in support of the
 RCCO Thunder Bay Centre education program
 and
 St. Thomas Church organ maintenance

Donations of non-perishable items welcome for
 St. Thomas' Family Giving Centre Food Cupboard.



Gathering Table

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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, Lisa Long,
Brenda O'Neill, Jim Sutton, Kim Bienvenue,

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.”