

Lent 5

Unbroken
A living faith

April 6, 2025

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“God delights in our goodness and judges sin”

Sunday, April 6, 2025

(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude	<i>“Strong Word of God”</i>	B. Braman
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
*Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)		
*Hymn 803	<i>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</i>	
*Greeting		
*Kyrie		p. 120
*Prayer of the Day		
Solo	<i>“Minuet I & II in E major, BWV 1006”</i>	J.S. Bach

Word

First Reading		Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalms 126 (see page 5)		<i>(sung responsively by whole verse)</i>
Second Reading		Philippians 3:4b-14
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Let your Steadfast Love”</i>	p. 125
*Gospel Reading		John 12:1-8
Sermon		
*Hymn of the Day 338		<i>“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”</i>
*Apostles’ Creed		p. 217
Music for Reflection	<i>“Steal Away”</i>	arr. B. Burroughs
*Prayers of Intercession		A: receive our prayer.
*Peace		

Thanksgiving

*Offering Hymn 186

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

*Thanksgiving for the Word

*Lord’s Prayer (*Our Father in heaven...*)

p. 221

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 802

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 533”

J.S. Bach

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God delights in our goodness and judges sin. God announces the goodness of all creation, from the smallest fish to the largest elephant, to you and me. God celebrates the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given each of us to serve our neighbour and the world in need. Yet there is evil in the world, which God condemns and works against. Sometimes we are part of that evil, caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong. Sometimes we are recipients of that evil, through actions of others or networks in the world. God judges sin, but always in service of love for all of God’s (good) creatures.

Church Fire Plan For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Confession and Forgiveness

P.: God of all grace, ...

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A.: God of mercy,

you delight in goodness and judge sin.

Give us open and honest hearts

**to recognize the ways we have turned from you,
from our own belovedness, and from one another.**

**We see the world through the lens of scarcity
instead of your lens of abundance.**

**We see people as us and them
instead of one body in you.**

**We participate in the brokenness of the world,
caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong.**

**Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God,
and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness.**

**Through your divine love,
transform all that threatens to destroy
the good that you have created.**

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Lector: Bob Loeb sack

Celebration Bells: Julia Crnko, Jamie Cross, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Linda McLellan, Sam Schmidt, Simon Thompson, Mary-Ellen Winkler

Cantor: Julia Crnko

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Psalm 126

Tone 2



¹When the LORD restored the for- tunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Al-

tar during the service.

- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.



St. Matthews Lutheran Church
Lenten Oasis
12:00 Organ Recital
12:30 Soup Lunch
Admission: Pay-what-you-can

April 9:
Mark Himmelman
Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo

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General Announcements

Church Breakfast Group: We meet next on Tuesday, April 15 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. Our speaker will be Father Toby Collins from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, our downtown neighbour. He will speak to us about Tiny Home Takeout, based on 'Grab a Bite. Give if You Can.'

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 am

Celebrate with us Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with palm branches and song in an Intergenerational Service.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Soup Supper at 5:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm

Gather to commemorate the Last Supper and the Footwashing.



Good Friday

Friday, April 18 at 9:30 am

Join us to observe the most solemn day of the church year; the day Jesus was crucified.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 am

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy!



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