

# 25th Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, November 14, 2021

(\* indicates the assembly stands

\*\* indicates singing is encouraged)

### Gathering

Prelude "Little Prelude & Fugue in G minor" attr. J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 880\*\* "O God beyond All Praising"

\*Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise\*\* "Glory to God..." p. 148

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "How Lovely" W. Byrd

### Word

First Reading 1 Samuel 1: 4-20

Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1-1

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" p. 151

\*Gospel Reading Mark 13: 1-8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 757 "All My Hope on God Is Founded"

\*Apostles' Creed p. 217

Music for Reflection "Chanson de matin" E. Elgar

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: hear our prayer.**

\*Peace

### Thanksgiving for the Word

Canticle of Thanksgiving p. 219

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

\*Lord's Prayer p. 154

## **Sending**

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 707\*\*

*“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*“Little Prelude & Fugue in F major”*

attr. J.S. Bach

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**November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent,** when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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### **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Diaconal Minister of Music :** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholars:** Hannah Swiderski, Laura Moolenbeek,  
Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

**Vocal Ensemble:** Lana Moses, Pauline Finch, Bev Roeder,  
Jim & Erika Sattler

**Flute:** Pauline Finch

**Radio Operator:** Gary Pootz

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

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## Worship Notes

**Welcome to worship this morning**, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

**In our prayers** Marie, Walter, Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and Bernice.

**The Golden Hour broadcast** is sponsored in loving memory of Park Winkler, November 19, 1961 and Betty Winkler, June 22, 2010 by Paul & Mary-Lynn Winkler, David & Betty Winkler, Peter & Mary-Ellen Winkler and their families.

**Guide to Worship** today are sponsored in loving memory of Larry Kuschnerreit who entered Life Eternal November 14, 2014 by his wife, Marjorie and family.

**Music note:** The set of 8 little prelude and fugue organ miniatures were previously attributed to J.S. Bach, however more recent scholarship suggests that they were more likely composed by one or several of his students. William Byrd composed the Pavan for keyboard, reportedly dedicating it to the Earl of Salisbury. William David Young arranged the text which the choir will sing as the anthem using verses of Psalm 84.

### Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** All items must remain with you at all times
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.

- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Scout Hall) is not permitted.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

## General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Our building is now open for worship again! Please read carefully through the informational letter sent out by email, mail and via the website and social media. If you have questions, please contact us. Please note that normal gatherings and meals at the church still remain cancelled and the office is still closed to the public and the building locked.

Our focus remains concentrated on meetings online and via phone. More updates will come as they are available.

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

**Town Hall:** Join us after worship today for the a town hall presentation from the Board of Directors.

**Annual Budget Meeting** will be held in-person (only) after worship on **Sunday, December 5th**. All members should attend if possible.

**Need to use the lift?** The lift is usable at this time for those who need it to better access the Sanctuary main level. I personally contacted all lift users I was aware of, but just to clarify: the Church Street door is locked on Sunday mornings. If you know you are coming ahead of time, you can send the office (emails not checked on weekends) or pastors an email heads-up, or call the pastors to let them know to expect you.

If you decide Sunday morning to come to church, you can pull up to the basement tower door and alert the usher to the fact that you will need the lift. They will then let the building monitor know to greet you and help you enter. You can do your screening and contact tracing directly yourself by signing yourself in at the "Lift Contact Screening Binder" (you do not need to go to the coat rack area), and then use the lift.

You can see a visual of the binder's location at the 4:50 minute mark of the Re-opening video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

v=VgYNZeeWymw&t=118s (via our website). If you have any questions, please let me know! Pastor Sebastian.

## Advent Carol Service

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Sunday, November 28, 2021  
9:30am

at morning worship  
and on the Golden Hour

Chamber Choir  
Celebration Bells

St. Matthews Lutheran Church  
54 Benton Street, Kitchener



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