

Pentecost 22
Celebrating 75 Years of CLWR
Sunday, October 24, 2021
(in building: please no singing,
**indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude *"Laudes Domini"* R. Lind
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements
*Thanksgiving for Baptism *(see page 3)*
Hymn 546 *"To Be Your Presence"*
Greeting *(see page 3)*
Hymn of Praise 844 *"Praise to the Lord"*
Prayer of the Day
Children's Message
Anthem *"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"* H. W. Friedell

Word

Readings: Two Great Commandments
Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18
Hymn (see page 4) *"Christ Our Peace"*
Readings: Faith Active in Love Galatians 5:13-14 and James 2:14-17
*Gospel Acclamation *"Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"* p. 151
*Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9, 14-18
Sermon
Hymn of the Day 725 *"When the Poor Ones"*
*Prayers of Intercession **A: Hymn 741 "Your Will Be Done"**
*Peace

The Meal

Offering Hymn 692 *"We Are an Offering"*

*Great Thanksgiving	p. 152
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table	
*Lord's Prayer	p. 154
Lamb of God	
Communion Hymns 479, 484	
*Table Blessing	
*Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
Hymn 538	<i>"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"</i>
Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Improvisation on Alabaré"</i> Alonso & Pagán

Today we celebrate 75 years of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. In the 1940s, as millions fled their homes in Europe, a grassroots movement began among Lutherans in Canada. The readings focus on the two great commandments to love your neighbour and faith active in love.

Source: Portions of the liturgy today (prayers, greeting, Eucharistic Prayer, children's message) are from the resource Celebrating 75 Years of CLWR.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: On this day of celebration and thanksgiving, we gather first around the baptismal font to “remember and rejoice” in the words of one of our baptismal hymns. We have been baptized by water and the Word in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for God’s gracious and loving gifts we have received in baptism and for the work God has given us to do in this world:

A: For God’s gift of merciful love and grace in Christ Jesus;

For God’s gift of the Spirit who leads, guides, teaches and comforts us;

For God’s gift of new and abundant life now and in the life to come;

For God’s gift of faith by which we learn to trust God;

For God’s gift of family of every time and every place;

For God’s gift of our calling to work for justice and peace through loving, compassionate service to all people.

L: Let us pray: Loving and gracious God, by the power of your Spirit let these gifts which you have poured out upon us overflow in us and into the lives of our neighbours far and near. May our lives be a blessing in your name to all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(Source: 75 Years of CLWR Resources)

Greeting *(based on Ephesians 2:13-22)*

L: Peace to you who are far away and peace to you who are near in the name of Christ Jesus.

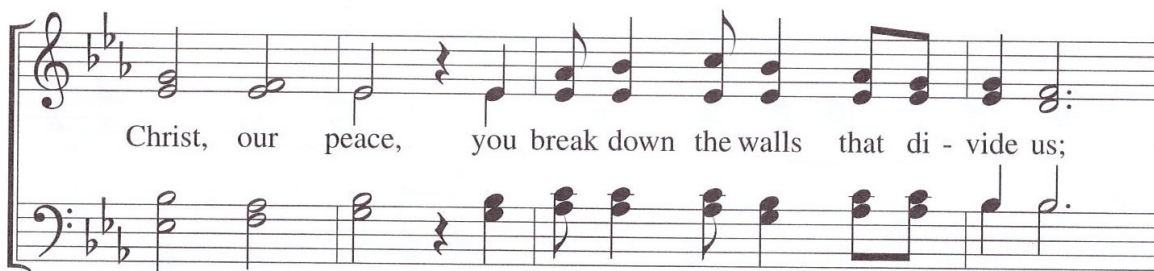
A: Christ is our peace. Through him the dividing wall has been broken down. Through him we come before God in one Spirit.

L: Come, let us worship God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

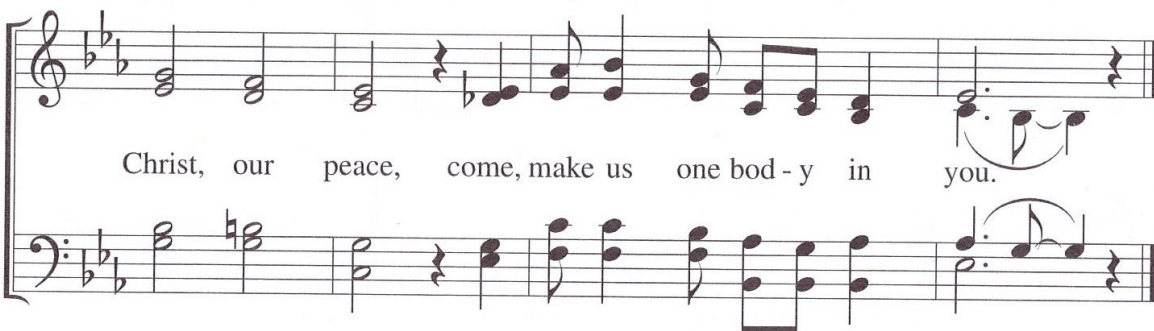
A: Amen

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Christ, Our Peace



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

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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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholars: Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Vocal Ensemble: Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler

Guitar: Jacob Steinmann

Radio Operator: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

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.

Communion: For those wanting to receive, you will be given Communion in one kind (host only). You will be ushered to the front starting with the side aisles. Leave 2 meters distance between you and the person ahead of you. Stop 2 meters from the pastor, at which point the pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you." Step closer to the pastor and a wafer will be dropped into your outstretched hands with tongs, taking care not to touch you. **Take the wafer back to your seat to commune there. Remove your mask briefly and then put it back on.**

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

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Children** are welcome to attend, but must stay with you/ your family in your seat at all times. Information about a potential Sunday school will be forthcoming.
- **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 stop to talk and mingle at any point inside, and maintain physical distancing even until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Available for emergency use only. 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, Nursery, Sunday school rooms, Scout Hall) is not permitted
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Music** will be provided by a variety of groups, including soloists, a chamber choir and the handbell choir.
- **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

Reserved Parking: On Sunday mornings and other worship services, please *only* park in the 6 spots nearest the office entrance (including the "pastor" and "music director" spots), closest to the wall of the church if you are someone with mobility issues, or a parent with a stroller and young children. Our pastors and our music director come early enough to find a parking spot elsewhere. This is a transitional measure prior to installing permanent signage.

Outside Hymn-Sing! Since we are not able to sing together in the building, those of you who are willing, can join with the Pastor after worship in the parking lot and sing together our Sending Hymn (with 2m distance). The words are printed here:

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
Music: ENVIADO, anonymous, Central America
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RE: Update on Property Sale of 39/51 Church St. (NO RESPONSE REQUIRED)

Dear Members and friends of St. Matthews,

In accordance with the congregation's approval at the March 21st, 2021 Annual Meeting, for the Board of Directors to act on the congregation's behalf to sell the properties at 39 & 51 Church St, we have some good news to share!

On Sept 30, 2021, the conditions on the Offer to Purchase and Sale were lifted and signed by the Purchasers, which was acknowledged and signed by myself and our Board Vice President. The closing date is Nov. 24th, when the purchase of 39/51 Church St. will be final and details of the sale will be public knowledge.

Thank you for your patience during this time of due diligence.

Kim Schaner,

President, The St. Matthews Board of Directors

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