

PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

July 24, 2022

Pentecost 7

Sunday, July 24, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 533

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Duet

“This is My Father's World”

D. Funderburk

Word

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138 (see p. 4)

(read responsively by full verse)

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-15

*Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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*Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 742

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

*Apostles' Creed

p. 127

*Prayers of Intercession

A: receive our prayer.

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 682

“To God Our Thanks We Give”

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving

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*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table V	p. 65
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymns 779, 741	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 774	<i>"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	

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Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ^l my whole heart;
before the gods I will ^l sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast ^l love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- ^lbove all things.

³When I called, you ^l answered me;
you increased my ^l strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise ^l you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ^l of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways ^l of the LORD,
that great is the glory ^l of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares ^l for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ^l from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ^l keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right ^l
hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your pur- ^lpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works ^l
of your hands.

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Leading Worship Today

Minister and Violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ali Tote (Assistant to the Bishop, Saskatchewan Synod)

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Worship Notes

Communion: For those wanting to receive, you will be offered bread, wine and grape juice for Communion. When waiting in line, please leave 2 meters distance between you and the person ahead of you. The pastor will drop the wafer into your outstretched hands with tongs. The wine will be pre-poured in individual cups placed in a tray on tables (the juice is in the small tray). Please take a cup and your wafer to consume near the baptismal area (where you may remove your mask). The cups may be disposed of in a basket on the front pew. If you do not want to partake in the wine or juice, you are welcome to take the wafer back to your pew.

As it was pre-pandemic, the front pews will commune first (as invited by the usher), and the flow will be up the centre aisle, then returning to your seats via the side aisles. Please be patient as we only want to have one household taking off their masks by the font at a time.

Alternately, you may choose to bring your own bread and wine and consume these in your seat.

In our prayers: John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** Starting July 1st, masks will no longer be required at St. Matthews, except until August 1st in the administrative office during office hours.
- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **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.
- **Coffee Hour** will be organized on an occasional basis, and dates will be announced.
- **Pastors** will be greeting after the service outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, maintaining physical distancing.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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.

Phone System Not Working: We regret to inform that both our phone & door buzzer systems are down at this time. We have been experiencing some technical issues and we are working promptly to resolve them. In the meantime, you can contact us by calling our alternate office number **(226-566-6059)** or email any St. Matthews staff.

Please contact us in advance whenever possible to pre-arrange a time to be let into the church. Please note, you may leave a message at 226-566-6059 for any staff.

We will inform you when it is back up and running. We apologize for any inconvenience!

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