

# PENTECOST

A TIME TO GROW



## St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY  
GATHERS AND GROWS

September 11, 2022

# Pentecost 14

## Sunday, September 11, 2022

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

### Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness p. 116

\*Hymn 807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*Prayer of the Day

Solo "Ciaconna in D minor (part 1)" J.S. Bach

### Word

First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10 (see page 4) (read responsively by full verse)

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 124

\*Gospel Reading Luke 15:1-10

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 608 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

\*Apostles' Creed p. 127

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

\*Peace

### Meal

\*Offering Hymn 836 v. 1 "Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee"

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving p. 129

*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 130
*Thanksgiving at the Table VIII	p. 67
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 135
Communion Hymns 502, 676	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 834	<i>"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	

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**The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel** is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup> my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup> from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup> from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup> my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- <sup>1</sup> er before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil <sup>1</sup> in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right <sup>1</sup> in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born <sup>1</sup> steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my <sup>1</sup> mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth <sup>1</sup> deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom <sup>1</sup> deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I <sup>1</sup> shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- <sup>1</sup> er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear <sup>1</sup> joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken <sup>1</sup> may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face <sup>1</sup> from my sins,  
and blot out <sup>1</sup> all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean <sup>1</sup> heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- <sup>1</sup> it within me.

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## Leading Worship Today

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

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

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

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

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

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## Worship Notes

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

### Important Information for today's worship

- **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 in the Narthex (entranceway) upon **entering**. The offering plates will be again presented to the High Altar during the service.*
- **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 an-



nounced.

- **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!**

## **General Announcements**

### **Update on Phone System Outage:**

Dear Congregation Members,

We apologize for the length of time it has taken to get the phone system back up and running. We understand the inconvenience this has caused.

There's been many circumstances, such as staff vacations, waiting for responses from companies who might be able to repair the old system, and investigating and getting pricing on a new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), which is the reason for the delay.

We have learned the existing old telephone system cannot be repaired. We are currently getting quotes from two individuals on the VOIP system and we are targeting to have the phones operational by mid September barring there are no delays in getting the equipment that is required.

We appreciate your understanding while we work on getting the telephone system operational.

Kim Schaner

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